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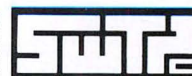
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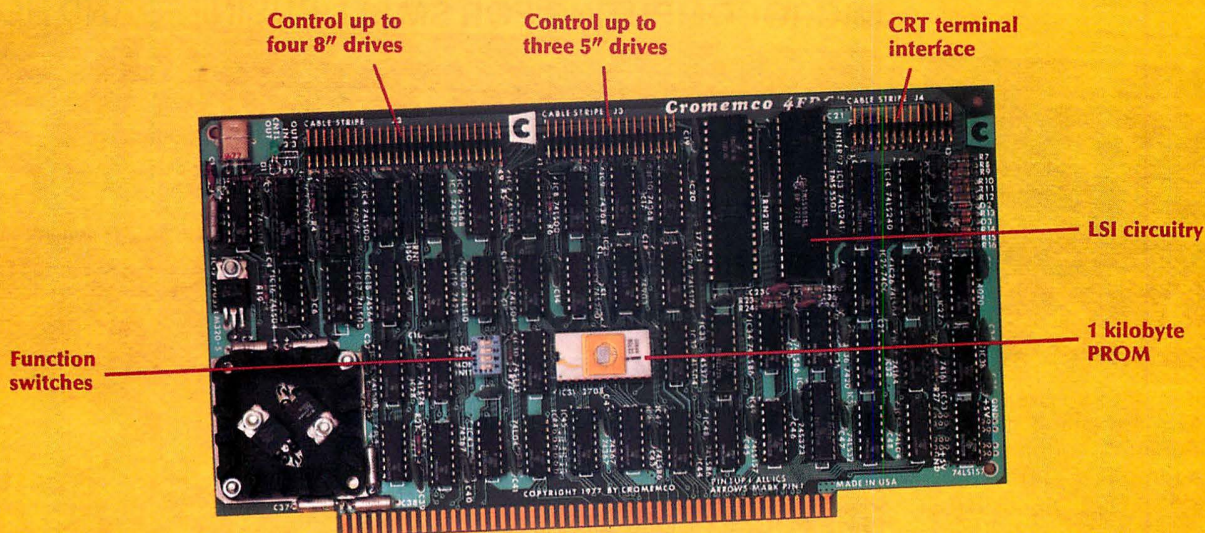
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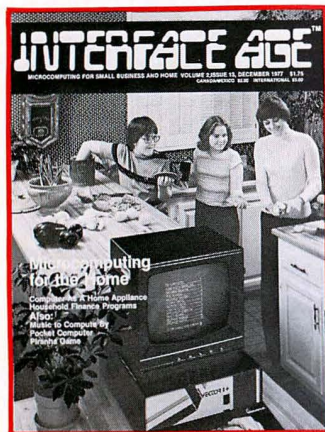
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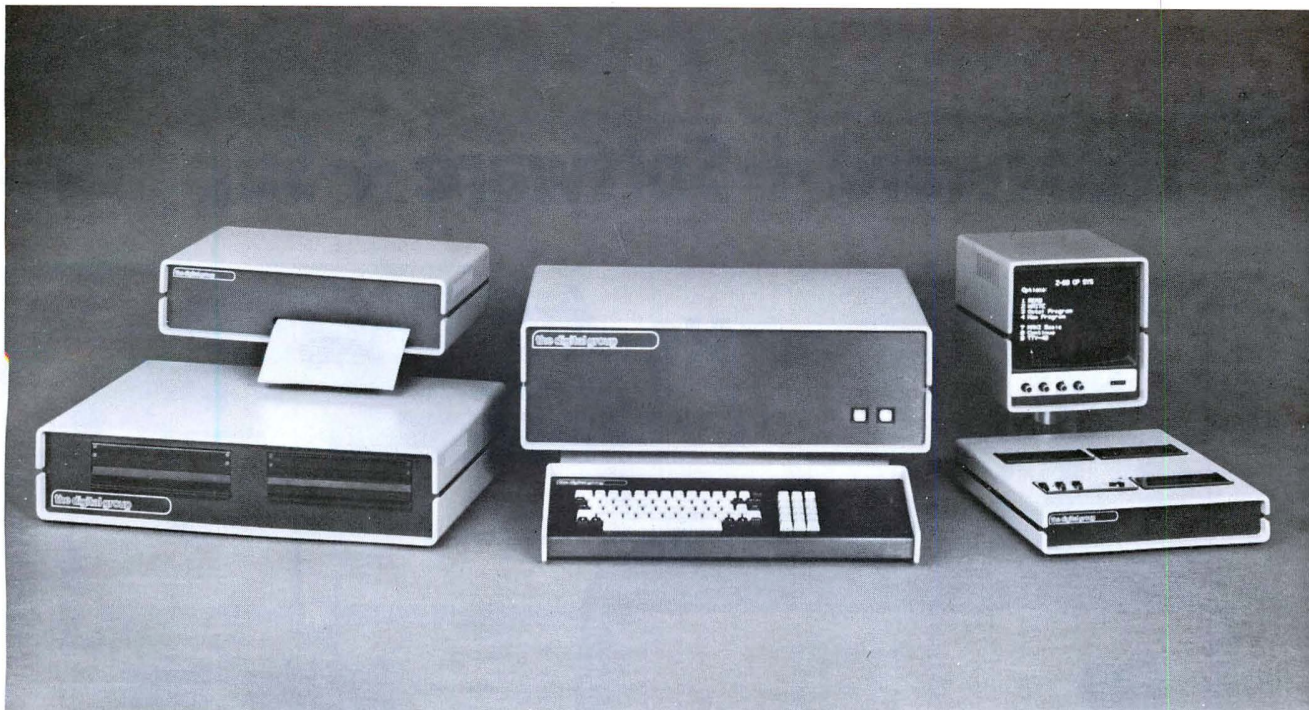
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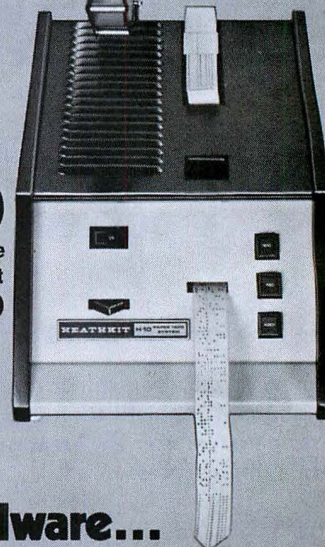
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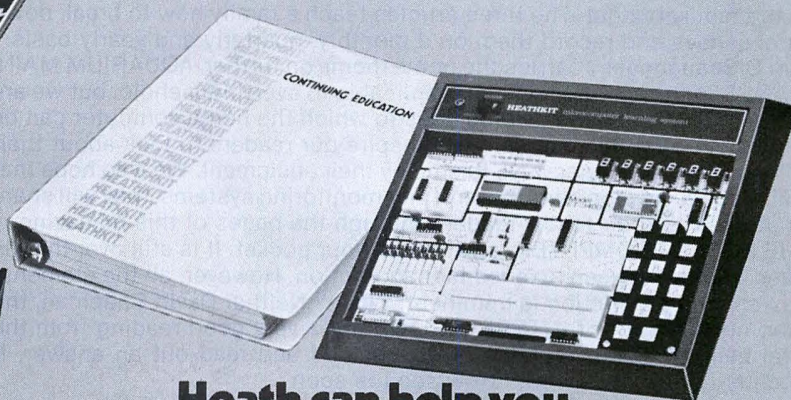
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Dian Crayne in her article THE COMPUTER AS A HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE leads the lineup with a useful application: put the mysterious machine to work to cook dinner. Management objectives in the home are as important as in the store. Francis Ascolillo in his two articles HOUSEHOLD FINANCE SYSTEM I and II, and Kevin Redden in his article PERSONAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PROGRAM detail how the computer can be used in the home to plan the family budget. The three articles teach a family how to break down their expenses and record them on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis.

Tim O'Shaughnessy carries the home theme on further. AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE is a program that is not applicable to every household, but we are publishing it to show the diverse uses to which the home computer can be put. We hope that this example will inspire our readers to look about their dwelling and to find other ways to employ their equipment. We also hope that as our readers develop home control and monitoring systems, they will share their ideas with their fellow readers through the pages of this magazine.

THE POCKET COMPUTER is yet not in your pocket. It is still over that ill-defined border between science-fact and fiction. However, all the elements are extant and production is imminent. When? Neither David Chapman, the author, nor the staff of INTERFACE AGE got a very good reading from the crystal ball. When we urged it on to uncloud and read out an answer, it momentarily flashed "Soon." How soon is soon?

This issue features a well-stocked hardware section. Roger Edelson evaluates a music board for the 8080. Chris Terry in his REVIEW OF PROROM BOARD reports on the kind of product and its manufacturer about which all homebrew hussars dream. The hardware section continues with four more how to articles, one on the Tarbell cassette interface, one on adapting the Burroughs 9350-2 terminal to your system and two circuit designs.

Our software lineup under the direction of our new Software Editor, Abe Perez, offers valuable development and game programs. We have been a magazine rich in software and will continue in 1978 to present interesting and useful articles of development, application, game and simulation programming. Abe has long experience in every type of machine and every computer language invented. His imagination is fertile, and like Roger Garrett, his mind scans the entire spectrum of technology.

Returning to the front part of the book, we felt the need to salute the Yule season with two whimsical adaptation of the holidays' best-known ballad. The English language with its dual parentage of Germanic and Latin sources can draw upon many levels of expression from the erudite to the colloquial in a manner difficult to match by its relatives. Merl Miller in his description of the Eccentric Philanthropist illustrates the point that sometimes erudition can be hilarious. In a similar spirit Jon Gauger puts his version in verse.

In this year INTERFACE AGE has grown to double its circulation and increased its book size. Our format has developed and our image is recognized. All this was achieved by hard work; publishing is a competitive field. We have enjoyed every moment of the endeavor to bring you our collection of quality articles in those past twelve issues. We've also enjoyed reading and publishing your letters and chatting with you on the telephone. We think we are the best book in the field, but we know we have the best readers.

As the year enters into the final month, we of the staff of INTERFACE AGE take the opportunity to wish you, our readers and advertisers, a happy Yule season and to thank all of you for your support of our magazine.

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Dear Editor:

I am absolutely furious! Just who do you think you are kidding with Roger Garrett's "Star Ship Simulation" article in the August issue? Must I remind you of the buildup you gave this article in your June 1977 issue:

"The August issue will have an added attraction for sky-buffs. Roger Garrett has written the ultimate space game in which all functions of the Enterprise are simulated: navigation, communications, inter- and intra-ship transportation and all manners of tactical maneuvers of enemy and Federation craft. In this game several people can play, each assuming the role of navigator, engineer and helmsman. It is written in structured pseudo-code and completely documented. Have fun playing this game."

My question is: "What game?" After a buildup like that in a previous issue, and star billing on the front cover, one would expect the great-grand-daddy of all Star Treks to be spread out before him in the August issue. Instead, we get a thinly disguised lecture on structured programming.

Right away we should have realized that we were in trouble (we readers, that is) when we read that the game would be in "structured pseudo-code." What on earth is "structured pseudo-code"? If it's some new computer language Mr. Garrett has developed, I'm sure all your readers would appreciate having him share it with us. Or at least explain it to us in an article billed as something other than "the ultimate space game."

As for the article itself, if I were the editor-in-chief, I'd have deleted all references to a "star-ship simulation" (both of them), and re-titled the article "The Theory of Structured Programming." Sounds pretty dry, doesn't it? That's funny, it describes the article perfectly.

As long as I'm here, I would also like to take apart Mr. Garrett's article as an article in its own right. First off, structured programming has no business in the personal computing world. It was designed for huge computer installations with desk after desk of programmers, some who write programs, some who modify them. In a large shop, there is no guarantee that somebody who writes a particular program will be the same somebody who is asked to make modification to it at a later date. Therefore, individual programming styles are buried through the use of "structured programming," which is basically an attempt to solve all computer problems (by problems I mean applications problems) using the same approach. Thus, programmer C does not get hopelessly lost attempting to change a program that was written by programmer B two years ago before he left the firm.

This approach obviously does not fit into the scheme of personal computing, where every computer owner more-or-

less is his own programmer, as well as systems programmer, maintenance man, and end-user. Granted, with the advent of turn-key systems and sharing of computer programs via computer magazines and clubs this situation is changing somewhat, but nowhere near the degree of the deadline-oriented do-or-die big business computer installation.

Another factor is the language home computerists write in. BASIC is the *de facto* standard of the software side of personal computing, just as the Altair bus is the *de facto* standard of the hardware end. And BASIC simply does not lend itself to structured programming. This is not only my personal viewpoint, but it is also the view of several authors who have chosen to write articles on the subject for other computer publications.

And then there's modular programming. Once again, Mr. Garrett is attempting to saddle the home computerite (sic) with a programming technique designed for the large computer installation. These large shops employ modular programming — the practice of breaking up a large applications problem into several tiny chunks, or modules, as they're called — so that several programmers or programming teams may work on the same project at the same time without redundancy. By giving each programmer or team one or more "modules" to work on, the entire project is supposedly completed faster than if one single programmer or team worked on the entire problem at once. However, since most computers at home are programmed by their owners, this problem does not arise in home computing. As with structured programming, Mr. Garrett is attempting to solve problems that do not even exist at the microcomputing level. It would be much better for everyone concerned if Mr. Garrett instead directed his energies at actually producing "the ultimate space game" advertised in the June issue.

There are numerous other examples in the article that blatantly point out Mr. Garrett's preoccupation with large-scale computers. One is his several references to the Fortran language, including examples, to illustrate several of his contentions. Why not BASIC, the high-level language for the overwhelming majority of hobby computerites? Another example is an entire paragraph on an "alternative interfacing method" which is "an extremely complicated one" and as such is "not generally suitable for implementation on personal computers." Then why was it brought up at all? And finally, there's the lengthy discussion on the constraints of structured programming,

in which Mr. Garrett compares structured programming to an actual high level language (BASIC). Hobby computerists who have given up the "freedom" of machine language for the "constraints" of Assembler language do so for the considerable ease in program writing Assembler affords over machine language. Likewise, a high level language such as BASIC offers an even greater ease of program writing over Assembler, at the loss of the "freedom" of Assembler. But where is the ease of program writing using structured methods that is supposed to offset the loss of "freedom" afforded by using non-structured techniques? I see none. Does anybody else?

In conclusion, the large computer installations of big business are still thrashing out among themselves the benefits/pitfalls of structured and modular programming, and are likely to be doing so for some time. I see no reason for the personal computer hobby industry to get involved in these philosophical discussions with our older brothers. Rather, we should be grateful that it is not necessary for us to concern ourselves with these matters, and that we, as hobbyists, are in complete control of our computers, and not vice-versa, as it would sometimes appear in large installations. Let us move on to more enjoyable topics, such as actually writing "the ultimate space game," only in *executable* code this time, okay?

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ROGER GARRETT REPLIES

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The promotional piece which appeared in the June issue was not written by me. Indeed, it was written by the Associate Editor of the magazine before they had even received my manuscript. Calling it a "game" was not my idea and was possibly a misinterpretation of a telephone conversation I had with the Associate Editor in which I described the article and at which point was only about half completed. You will notice that I never refer to the project as a "game" but rather as a simulation project. It can be *used* as a game, with certain modifications, however.

Now, before answering the rest of the comments let me explain my ideas behind writing the article. I had been writing the Star Ship program for quite some time. As I continued to add capabilities and make it more sophisticated I realized that it might form the basis for an article on structured and modular programming. I began the task of rounding it out into a suitable article and contacted INTERFACE AGE about my project. They expressed interest in it and

from that contact wrote the promotional piece that appeared in June (and which apparently got the hopes of some people quite high).

I had written the program in "structured pseudo-code." (More about that later.) I had also used modular programming techniques so it became obvious to me that I would have to explain my approaches to the simulation project or the actual code itself might not be understood. Indeed, the main thrust of the article as I developed it became the principles of program development. The actual Star Ship simulation program was used as an *example* of the implementation of these principles.

It also became obvious to me that in order fully to develop the principles and examples I would have to break the article into parts. The first part, upon which the critical remarks were made, was used to introduce the programming principles, Parts Two and Three, which appeared in subsequent issues, presented the program called the Star Ship simulation. These last two issues served two purposes: a) to provide an example of the implementation of the principles previously discussed, and b) to present a program which could be easily implemented by personal computer users and thereby give them a fully developed Star Ship simulation.

The "structured pseudo-code" is certainly not a new computer language. In the course of my job as a systems analyst and having investigated many forms of structured programming I developed a method of writing programs utilizing English-grammar-like constructions which made the programs well-structured and easily readable. The term "structured pseudo-code" has been used by others to apply to code (or a program) which is written so that it is not dedicated to any one computer language or hardware setup. Such code has appeared in several articles in the popular personal computer magazines. So it is not so surprising for me to use the term in reference to the type of code I use.

While I did not make extensive use of such code in the first part of the article there was a structured programming construct chart and an example in BASIC given. The final part of the article, Part Three, was almost completely structured code and should have sufficiently answered the question of "What on earth is 'structured pseudo-code'."

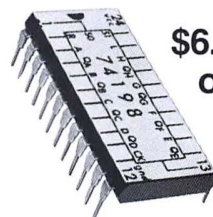
I take great exception to your contention about the place of structured programming not being within the personal computer world. Likewise for your views about modularity. I agree that the first to utilize such concepts were the programmers at large computer installations and I make no excuse for being such a user

myself. But to say that methods and techniques which have been found to be useful to large system users are not applicable to small and personal computers is wrong.

Surely most personal computer programmers do not have deadlines to meet nor do they often work in team projects where each of the "modules" must fit

together and such a technique as modularity is required to facilitate the interfaces. But look at the popular personal computer magazines such as *INTERFACE AGE* and notice how many programs are being published. Quite a few. And it is undeniable that many personal computer users exchange programs. How many programmers do you know who

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can resist making changes to someone else's program to make it run faster or more efficiently or to add fancy little embellishments? Very few I suspect.

Accepting such principles as structuring and modularity makes these additions and changes just that much easier. Even when the original author of the program is first developing it, it is so much easier to locate errors when he can narrow it down to a section (module) rather than wading through a massive string of equations and GOTOs.

Also consider the fact that many hobbyists are junior high, high school, and college-age students. Often the personal computer is their first exposure to programming. This will certainly become more and more the case as Heath, Radio Shack, and PET computers become more popular. Many of these first-time users will be the programmers and systems analysts of the future, or at least will continue as serious hobbyists into later life. I think Linda Folkard-Stengel, the Associate Editor, put it perfectly when she said in the Interfacial section of the August issue that learning structured programming at the beginning of the programmer's education is comparable to learning the fundamentals of English grammar and syntax before trying to express one's self in an essay. You can try writing from "motivation" or "intuition" but until you really understand the tools, the methods of writing, then you will not produce a work of literature or a sensible, workable program which can easily be understood by others or even easily be modified or debugged by yourself.

So it is a tool, and it has just as much applicability to the sometimes personal computer programmer as the huge installation systems analyst.

"BASIC does not lend itself to structured programming." Alright, I'll agree to that. But then no language which does not have all of the standard structured programming constructs (IF-ENDIF, REPEAT UNTIL, etc.) actually *lends* itself to structuring. You must make do with what is available, and if BASIC is what you have then use it. The *concepts* of structuring and modularity can still be applied.

BASIC has only become the *de facto* standard for hobbyists because it was first. There is now available such languages as FORTRAN and PL/1. With the advent of 16-bit and larger computers becoming available to personal users even more powerful languages and, who knows, maybe even a full structured modular language may be developed. Until that time we use what we have; both the languages and the tools for implementing them.

My reference to alternative interfacing methods was simply to indicate that there *were* alternatives so that the reader

would not think there was only that one way. I wanted to avoid implying that there was a limit to the way in which the program could be implemented.

I still maintain that structuring frees the programmer to concentrate more on creative program development and less on the constraints of a particular language. This should be evident from the logic flow definitions in the third part of the Star Ship simulation. But then, Mr. Johnson, you wrote your letter to the editor before the second and third parts were published.

Surely we hobbyists are in complete control of our computers. I do not see the industry discussions of the benefits of structuring as "philosophical." Rather they are of the form either "I'm happy with the way I do things and am not about to change" or "I'm not yet convinced it does all it is reported to do." This last statement, I find, is most often stated by those who have heard outlandish claims about the benefits of structuring. Some would have us believe it is the universal cure-all. It is not, and I hope that I did not give that impression. It is a tool, and like any tool, for some it will be useful, for some, not. In either case it is worth giving it a fair trial by actually using it. Obviously I have found it useful and believe that it can make programming a more enjoyable and rewarding hobby and occupation.

One last word about publishing programs in a particular programming language. There is no universally accepted computer language. Without such a language how does a writer choose a language which will be applicable to the majority of users? Certainly BASIC is understood by most hobbyists. But then what about the fellow who wants to implement the published program in 8080 machine language, or APL, or whatever he has available? Obviously he must then know two languages, the one in which the program is published and the one in which he wishes to implement it. And he also must have a good idea of how to accomplish the transformation. This involves not only knowing the grammar and syntax of each language but also knowing such things as the particular idiosyncrasies of the particular "brand" of the language. MITS BASIC is not identical to Commodore's BASIC.

The solution, then, I feel, is to publish the programs in a structured pseudo-code, written in English-grammar constructions. The programs would not be dedicated to any particular brand of BASIC (or whatever language you have) nor would it be for a specific hardware implementation. In this form it would be most flexible and more readers could make use of it.

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hardware and software design and implementation; standards for hardware, interfaces and software.

Papers presented during the Festival Program will be published in a softbound book, *Festival Digest '78*, which will be available during the NCC.

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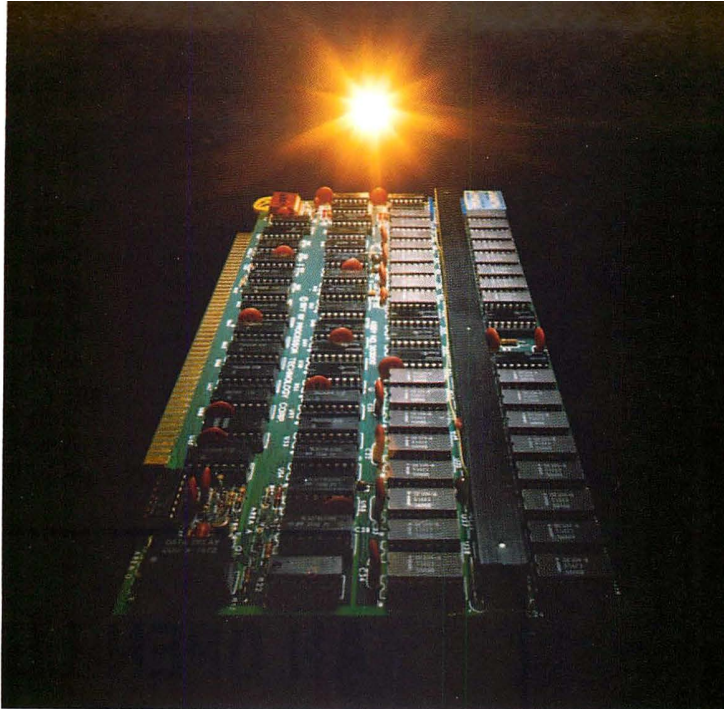
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Jan 4 New England Computer Society will meet in the cafeteria of the MITRE Corp. at 7:00 P.M. Located on Route 62 in Bedford, MA. Contact Dave Day at (603) 434-4239 for details.

Jan 4 Kitchener Waterloo Micro-computer Club will meet at the University of Waterloo, Room 3388, Engineering Bldg. #4, University Ave., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada at 7:30 P.M.

Jan 4 Northwest Computer Society will meet in the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, Room 200 at 7:30 P.M. For more details write NCCN, Box 242, Renton, WA 98055.

Jan 4 The Valley Computer Club will meet at the Harvard School at 7 P.M. The Harvard School is located at 3700 Coldwater Canyon, Studio City, CA.

Jan 4 Lincoln Computer Club will hold its meeting at the South Branch Library located on 27th and South Streets. The time of the meeting is 7:00 P.M. For further information contact Hubert O. Paulson, Jr., 422 Dale Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510.

Jan 5 Bay Area Microprocessors Users Group (BAMUG) will meet in the Hayward ROC Center, 26316 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA at 7:30 P.M. For further details write BAMUG, 1211 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501.

Jan 6 Crescent City Computer Club will hold its meeting at the University of New Orleans, Lakefront Campus at 8 P.M. Call Bob Latham at (504) 722-6321 for more details.

Jan 7 Louisville Area Computer Club (LACE) will meet at the University of Louisville, Speed School Auditorium at 1 P.M. For further information, write the club at 115 Edgemont Drive, New Alban, IN 47150.

Jan 7 The Computer Hobbyist Group, will meet at 1 P.M. in Green Center, Room 2.530, campus of University of Texas, Dallas. For further information write the club at P.O. Box 11344, Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

Jan 7 South Central Kansas Ama-

teur Computer Association, 9:00 A.M., Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS. For further information call Chris Borger at (316) 265-1120 or Dave Rawson, 1825 Gary, Wichita, KS 67219, (316) 744-1629 for further details.

Jan 7 Oklahoma Computer Club will hold its meeting at the Belle Aisle Library at 10:00 A.M. Call Al Campbell at (405) 842-4933 for details.

Jan 7 Southern Nevada Personal Computing Society will meet at Clark County Community College, Las Vegas, NV at 12:00. For further information write SNPCS, 1405 Lucille St., Las Vegas, NV 89101 or call (702) 642-0212.

Jan 7 Milwaukee Area Computer Club will meet at 1 P.M. at the Waukesha County Technical Institute, New Berlin, WI. Call (414)

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Jan 12 Mid America Computer Hobbyist meeting will be at 7:00 P.M.

at Commercial Federal Savings & Loan, Bellevue NE. Intersection of Galvin Rd. and U.S. Hwy. 73-75. Write P.O. Box 13303, Omaha, NE 68113 for further information.

Jan 12 Utah Computer Association will meet at Murray High School, Rm 154, 5440 S. State St., Salt Lake City, UT at 7:00 P.M. For further information write or call Larry or Holly Barney, 1928 S.

2600 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84108. (801) 485-3476.

Jan 12 The Rochester Area Microcomputer Society will meet at the RIT Campus, Rm. 1030, Bldg. 9 at 7:30 P.M. For details write RAMS, P.O. Box D, Rochester, NY 14609.

Jan 13 Northern New Jersey Amateur Computer Club (NNJACC) will hold its meeting at the Fairleigh Dickenson University, on the Rutherford Campus, Becton Hall, Room B8. This meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. For more information contact NNJACC, 593 New York Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071.

Jan 14 The Permian Basin Computer Group—Odessa Chapter meets at 1 PM in the Electronic Technology Bldg., Room 203 on the Odessa College campus. For further information call (915) 332-9151.

Jan 15 North Orange County Computer Club will have its meeting at Chapman College, Orange, CA. Doors open at 12:00. 105 Hashinger Hall Auditorium. Membership Chairman, Tracey Lerocker, (714) 998-9722 evenings.

Jan 17 Sacramento Microcomputer Users Group, (SMUG), 7:30-9:30 P.M. at SMUD Training Bldg., 59 St. between Folsom and "S" Sts. Write Richard Lerseth, P.O. Box 161513 or call (916) 381-0335 after 5:00 P.M.

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Jan 18 Homebrew Computer Club meeting will begin at 7 P.M. in Menlo Park, CA. The Stanford Linear Accelerator Center Auditorium is the site of the meeting. Call (415) 967-6754 for details.

Jan 20 Long Island Computer Association will meet at the New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury Campus, Route 25A between Route 107 and Glen Cove Rd., Rm. 508. The time of the meeting is 7 P.M. For further information, write Long Island Computer Association, 36 Irene Lane East, Plainview, NY 11803.

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Jan 21 San Diego Computer Society will meet at the Grossmont Community College Student Center, 8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon, CA. Doors open at 12:30. For details call (714) 565-1738.

Jan 21 The 7C's Committee (Affiliated with the Cleveland Digital Group) will meet at Cleveland State University Student Services Bldg., in the Kiva Room at 2:00 P.M. For more information write to Cleveland Digital Group, 8700 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105.

Jan 22 Chicago Area Computer Hobbyist Exchange (CACHE) will meet at 12:00 P.M. in the Nigas Bldg. Cafeteria. The Nigas Bldg. is located on Schermer Rd. in Glenview, IL. Call CACHE Hotline (312) 849-1132 for details.

Jan 22 Central Florida Computer Club will meet at the Orlando Utility Bldg., on S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL at 2:00 P.M.

Jan 25 Diablo Professional Users Group (DPUG) will meet at Diablo Valley College Library, from 8-10 P.M. DVC is near the Willow Pass exit of Fwy. 680. For details write or call Bob Hendrickson, Electronics Dept., DVC, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; (415) 687-8373.

Jan 25 Boston Computer Society

will hold its meeting at the Commonwealth School, 151 Commonwealth Ave., Boston at 7 P.M. The school is located on the corner of Dartmouth St. in Boston's Back Bay, one block from the Boston Public Library and the Copley MBTA Stop. For information write or call Boston Computer Society, 17 Chestnut St., Boston, MA 02108, (617) 227-1399.

Jan 26 Space Coast Microcomputer Club will hold its meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Merritt Island Library, Merritt Is., FL. Contact Ray Lockwood at (305) 452-2159 for details.

Jan 26 Small Computer Engineering Association of Minnesota (SCEAM) will meet at the Resource Access Center, 3010 Fourth Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55408 at 7 P.M. For more information write to this address or call (612) 824-6406.

Jan 27 Alamo Computer Enthusiast meets at 7:30 P.M. in Room 104 at Chapman Graduate Center at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX. For details call (512) 532-2340, or write to the club at 7517 Jonquill, San Antonio, TX 78233.

Jan 27 Washington Amateur Computer Society has scheduled its meeting to be held at the Catholic University of America, St. Johns Hall. Located at Michigan and Harewood Aves. in Washington, D.C. Contact Bill Stewart at (202)

722-0210 for club details between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 P.M.

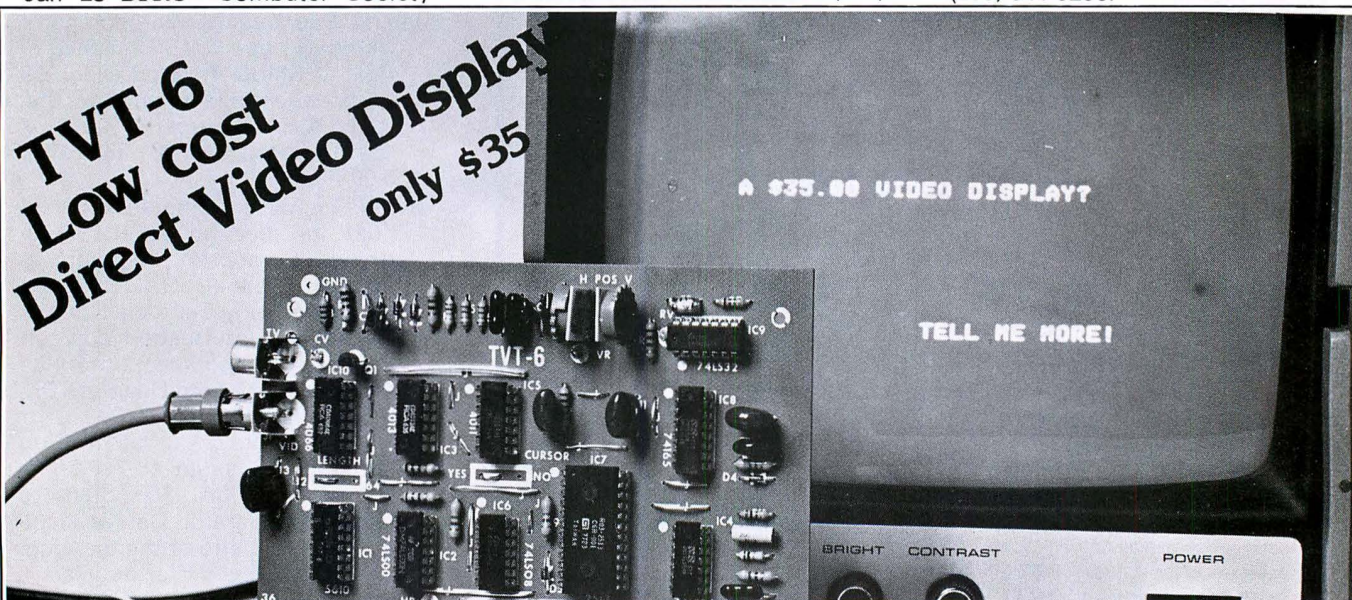
Jan 27 University of Minnesota Microcomputer Users Group (UMMUG) will hold its meeting at the University of Minnesota, Electrical Eng. Rm. 115 at 7 P.M. For further information write UMMUG, Dept. of Elec. Eng., 123 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Jan 27 Trace will hold its meeting at the Ontario Science Center, 2:00 P.M., 770 Don Mills Road, Don Mills, Ontario. Club address is Box 545, Streetsville, Ontario, Canada L5M 2C1.

Jan 29 Summit City Computer Club will meet at the McMillen Library on the Indiana Institute of Technology Campus in Fort Wayne, IN. For further information write the club at P.O. Box 5096, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Jan 29 Birmingham Microprocessor Group will meet at Southcentral Bell Company headquarters bldg. at 2 P.M. For further details write or call Jim Anderson, 2931 Balmoral Rd., Birmingham, AL 35223; (205) 897-9630.

Jan 31 Computer Amateurs of South Jersey will hold its meeting at the National Park Municipal Bldg., 7 South Grove Ave., National Park, NJ, at 7:30 P.M. For further information call (609) 541-1010, or (609) 541-8296.



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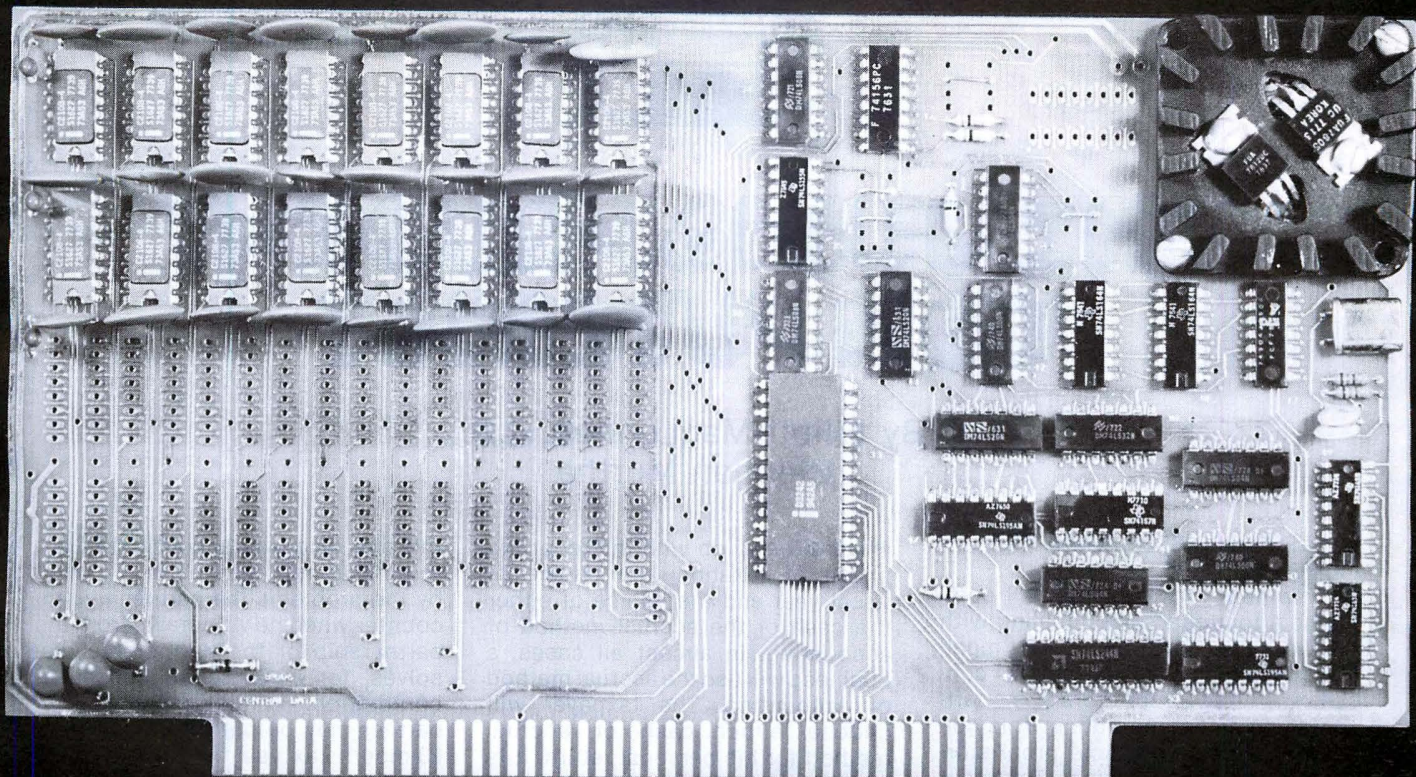
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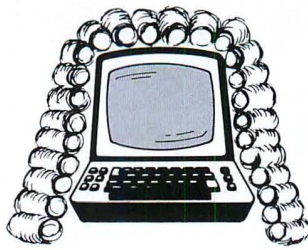
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The next four columns will comprise a four-part series dealing with some of the more specific tax, legal, and planning considerations concerning sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations. This column will deal with sole proprietorships and partnerships. The next will deal with Subchapter S corporation (taxed once), and the final two columns of the series shall deal with the Subchapter C corporation (taxed twice).

The sole proprietorship and partnership provide the least opportunity for tax savings as compared with corporate structures. Their principal advantage is that they have fewer paperwork transactions than do their corporate relative. By definition, the sole proprietorship is simplest to operate. A partnership, however, has the flexibility that the sole proprietorship does not, for in the former, one partner can act for all, whereas in the latter, only one person is ordained with managerial decision power. *Both a sole proprietorship and a general partnership can be created orally in California.*

Both serve essentially as a conduit to funnel income to the individual owners for inclusion on their tax returns. As such, sole proprietorships and partnerships pay no taxes on their own. A sole proprietor simply lists his income and corresponding business deductions on form 1040. A partnership, while it pays no taxes, does file a return, a form 1065, which apportions the income of the partnership up between the partners. Each partner then reports his share of the income on his form 1040 and pays the appropriate tax.

There are two tax planning devices

which have to do with the reporting phase of taxation; the choice of fiscal year and the choice of either the cash or the accrual method of accounting. In almost all cases, a business will use the accrual method of accounting. The taxpayer will choose either cash or accrual method for his personal return. It is possible for a sole proprietor to use the accrual method for his business affairs and the cash method for his personal affairs even though both are reported on the same return. The basic advantage of the cash reporting method is that a taxpayer need not report income for tax purposes until it is actually or constructively received by him or her. As a rule, only special business entities use the accrual method. There, income is taxable when earned, whether taxpayer has received the income is of no consequence.

The second device is the choice of a fiscal or calendar year reporting period for income. The sole proprietor must have the same tax year as his business. A partner may choose a different tax year than the partnership, only where the partner owns no more than a 5% capital interest in the partnership unless the partner gains pre-approval from the taxing authority.

By choosing different tax years, some deferment of taxes may be accomplished. For example, by entering into a partnership on February 1, 1977, with a fiscal year ending January 31, the taxable income reportable in 1977 would be limited to income earned in January of 1977. The income of the partnership would be reported on January 31, 1978, and reported on the partners' 1978 form 1040. Taxes would be due on April 15, 1979. In some situations,

this may be advantageous. However, this advantage may be outweighed by the problems the partner will encounter when he withdraws from the partnership or the partnership dissolves, for instance, to become a corporation. In that instance, the partner may be put into a one time 23-month tax year which may push him into a much higher tax bracket than is acceptable.

One final note on the reporting aspect of taxation: quarterly estimated taxes. As an employee, an individual has taxes withheld from his paycheck by his employer. The IRS has certain rules and regulations dealing with withholding taxes, and if you have employees, you should check with your accountant to be sure you comply with the law.

Self-employed individuals have no one to withhold taxes for them, so they must file a quarterly declaration and payment of estimated taxes. This involves simply estimating annual income on a quarterly basis and paying the appropriate tax on that amount of income. It is technically not necessary to file the statement if you are self-employed, but if at the end of the year you have not paid enough in taxes, there is a 7% penalty assessed on the deficiency.

There are a number of tax items which receive special treatment in the reporting of income for a sole proprietorship or partnership. They are capital gains and losses, charitable contributions, dividends from most domestic corporations, recovery of bad debts, non-business expenses, items subject to a special allocation different from the allocation of profits and losses, etc. The sole proprietor simply makes the adjustments and then reports the income, losses, or deductions on a

form 1040.

A partnership must separate out these items from the other income on the form 1065 and these items are reported separately on the partner's individual tax return.

Another item which causes much confusion, from a tax point of view, is employee benefits such as group insurance and retirement plans. If you have employees, any contributions or premiums which you pay for their benefit, are tax deductible. However, for everything except retirement plans, the premiums or contributions made on behalf of the sole proprietor or partner are not deductible.

The sole proprietor or partner has two types of retirement programs available, the Keogh or HR-10 plan and the IRA or Individual Retirement Account. The contributions to a Keogh plan are deductible up to 15% of compensation or \$7,500, whichever is less. In order to make this contribution, all employees who have been employed for 3 years or more must have equal, in percentage of income, contributions made on their behalf. The Qualified Corporate Plan, available only to the corporation that is taxed twice, is vastly superior.

The sole proprietor or partner may set up an IRA for himself in lieu of a Keogh plan. In that case, the contribution is limited to the lesser of 15% of compensation or \$1,500. However, the contribution is deductible, regardless of how many employees there are or how long they have been employed.

We will cover in more detail what solutions are available to the partner or sole proprietor who has a tax problem in the article of corporations. However, there are two items worth considering at this time. The first involves funneling income to family members. For example, the owner of a business is making a profit of \$200,000 per year before taxes and he had five members in his family. The after tax results of his paying tax on \$200,000 are much less desirable than for each member of the family to report \$40,000 of that income, file an individual return, and pay taxes on that income. The reason for this is the progressive nature of our tax structure. In order to limit this type of situation, the Congress has passed various provisions dealing with family partnerships. Basically, a partnership cannot distribute income to family members in a way that is substantially different from their capital contributions. In summary, a family partnership is a means of reducing the overall tax burden to the principal income producer by having in-

come that would otherwise be taxed to him taxed to members of his family as their presumably lower tax brackets.

Partnerships are not difficult to create from a legal perspective. From a tax point of view, partnerships can be without question the most complicated structure with which to work.

The second item has to do with the question of whether to incorporate or not. In some cases, an individual making an extremely high income may be better off not incorporating or by incorporating under Subchapter S which will tax him only once. If the income is the result of personal effort, rather than investment income, the maximum tax rate is 50%. Since a corporation is also taxed at 50% and any subsequent distribution of income or the sale of stock is a taxable event, the individual may be better off not incorporating and limiting the tax rate on income to 50%.

Although as earlier mentioned, sole proprietorships and general partnerships require little or no legal documentation. Unfortunately, for example, an oral partnership does not provide for partner's responsibilities and perhaps of even more importance, it does not provide for a smooth transition occasioned by the disruption of a deceased, disabled, retiring, withdrawing, or expelled partner. Where the partnership has a value because of its success, a funding mechanism is essential to handle a departing or deceased partner's interest. Insurance or a sinking fund are old tried-and-true work horses in this area. Of the two, where applicable, insurance is superior because a general partnership, like its simpler relative the sole proprietorship, is no shield from legal liability as is a corporation; therefore, the money put aside for a sinking fund is exposed and ripe for a liability attack.

If your plan is to raise capital for your business, the sole proprietorship and general partnership are extremely poor vehicles.

Hopefully as this series of articles progresses, two points will emerge as paramount. One, failure to coordinate your legal and tax and liability planning will almost always guarantee you a catastrophe at some undetermined point in the life of your business. Two, the decision to make a given tax decision is tactically never absolute. Tax elections are therefore not hard and fast, rather decisions written only on sand and subject to the rapidly changing winds omnipresent in the business climate in which a given business operates.

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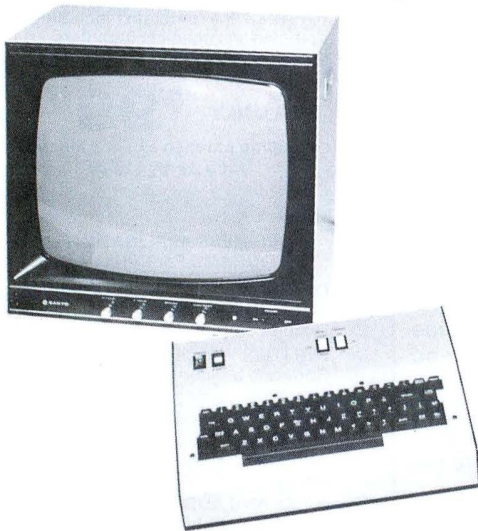
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The CRTs sat in a state of despair —
Just hoping St. Basic soon would be there.
The teletypes slept — computers in bed
While visions of "Do-Loops" danced through their heads.

Me in my P.J.s, my wife in her gown
Were rather upset 'cause the system was down.
When way down the hall there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

In one nano-second (well . . . maybe 'twas two)
I was back to my hardware, my prized CPU.
The moon on the screen of my new CRT
Reflected so bright, like day I could see!
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a *huge* floppy disc and a man growing near!

"Flying carpet from East," I murmured and cried;
But no, Saint Basic himself had arrived.
The huge disc was powered by micro's in a train,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

Now Imsai, now Apple, now Intel and MITS!
On Heathkit, on Kim, (and of course) Tektronix!
From the big IBMs to the hobbyist's SOL
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!!!

As human beings that, when hit with current, fly
When putting fingers in outlets, mount to the sky,
So down to my room, that company flew
With some software and hardware (and Saint Basic, too).

And then in a twinkling I heard on the floor
The squeak of his shoes as he opened the door.
As I drew in my head and turned it aside,
My computerist's room he walked right inside.

He was dressed all in jeans from his head to his toes
(Where he got all that denim, nobody knows).
Machine on machine he had stuffed in a sack
And he looked like a peddler opening his pack.

He was rather small — a runt, if you please,
But his eyes were lit up like big LEDs.
His hair was unkempt, but I didn't mind that,
I just sat there drooling at that big hardware sack.
His face was quite thin — like the rest of his bod
And pardon the word, but he looked like a clod!

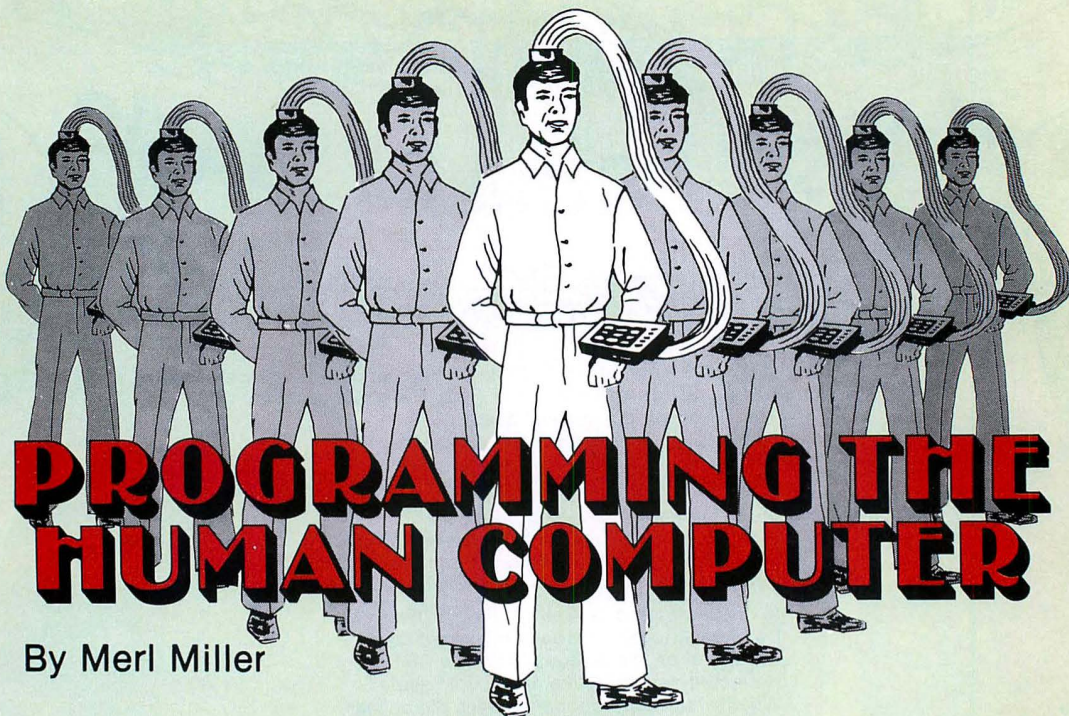
A listing of length he had stuffed in his pocket.
I'm not very sure, but I think 'twas called ROCKET.
A program tape he held tight in his teeth
And it wrapped 'round his head like an Arabian Sheik.

He looked rather tired and needed a shave,
But all of these faults I quickly forgave.
A wink of his eye — A twist of his head
Convinced me right off I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work.
Fixed all my equipment then turned with a jerk.
And closing the lid of his tool chest behumped
He picked up his sack — out the window he jumped.

He hopped on his disc — then input one line:
For Q equals one to a hundred and nine.
Flashed a huge CRT with a mighty big byte:
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!!!"

By Jon Gauger



By Merl Miller

This month: Something Special for Christmas

This month, I would like to start by restating the purpose of this column and asking for your help. The purpose of this column is to help you do what you do better. If the subject is one I know something about (such as book or article writing), I'll give you my opinion; if it's something I don't know anything about, I'll either research the topic or give you someone else's opinion. This is where you come in. What would you like to do better? Let's try an example. Suppose you spend \$300.00 to attend a computer convention. You fill out the registration form and you get a booklet that explains what sessions are available and who the exhibitors are. Now what do you do? Where do you go first and why? What do you do when you get there? This is the topic of next month's column. Are there other areas you would like to see explored?

It will probably be at least a year before we talk about writing again. This means we won't be discussing word use for some time, so I thought we might do something special for Christmas.

It was the nocturnal division of the diurnal period preceding the feast of the Nativity, and throughout our abode, kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential, not even a *Mus musculus*.

Hosiery was suspended from the wood burning carbonic device with careful attention to detail, pursuant to our expected pleasure resulting

from a visit from an eccentric philanthropist known as St. Nick.

The offspring were comfortably arranged in their respective accommodations of repose while imaginative contemplations of RAM's and ROM's moved lightly in rhythm through their craniums. My spouse and I, attired in our nocturnal headwear, had just prepared for a slumberous condition, and were actually ensconced in our accommodations of repose when out on the exterior grass covered portion of the estate there arose such a tumult that, in a totally elastic manner, I departed my position of repose to ascertain what order of undifferentiated substance of reality was occurring.

Hastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barrier sealing the fenestration, noting thereupon that the lunar brilliance reflecting on the crystalline precipitation simulated the solar meridian. This caused my incredulous optical sensory organs to behold a miniature airborne runnered conveyance drawn by eight diminutive specimens of the genus *Rangifer*, being controlled by an aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became immediately apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller.

With his ungulate motive power traveling at a greater vertiginous velocity than patriotic alor predations, he vociferated loudly, expelled breath musically and implored each creature by its name: "Now Dasher, Now Dancer, —et al." He carefully guided them to the highness of our

residence's covering, through which structure I could distinguish the concatenations of each of the sum total of their 2nd cloven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location and was performing an 180 degree pivot, our distinguished visitant achieved—with utmost celerity via a downward leap—entry by way of the smoke passage. He was clad entirely in animal pelts soiled by the ebon residue from oxidations of carboniferous fuels. His resemblance to a magazine ad salesman I attributed to the plethora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of enjoying amiability. The capillaries of his nasal appurtenance were engorged with blood so that the appurtenance appeared to be the coloration of a sweet cherry.

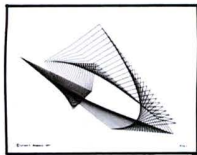
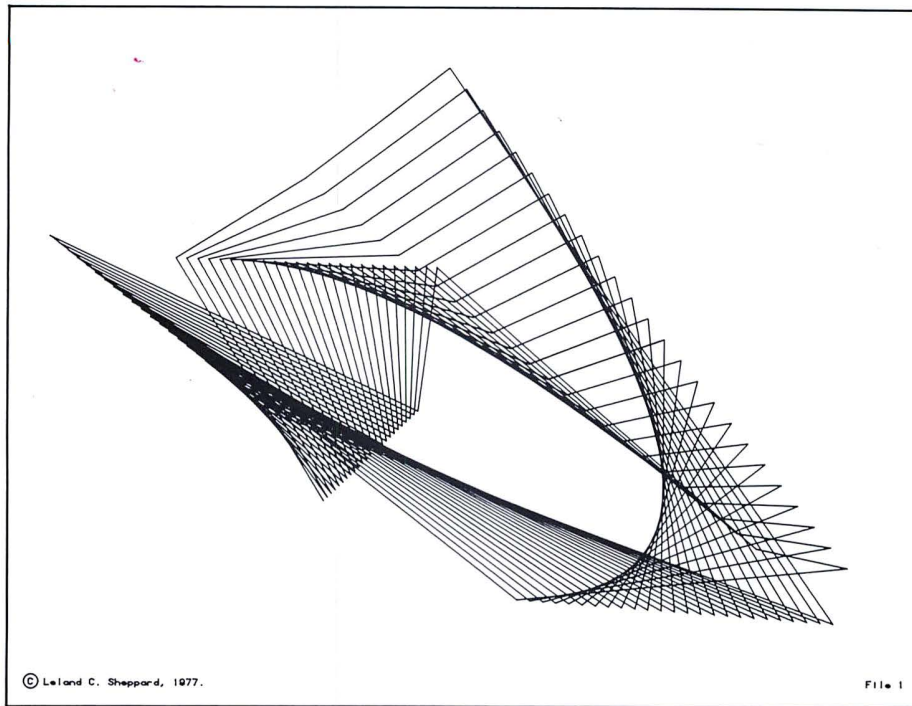
Clenched between his incisors was the posterior projection of a smoking piece whose grey fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput were suggestive of a decorative seasonal circlet of holly. His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of gelatin.

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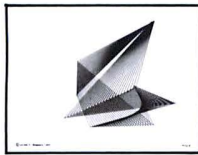
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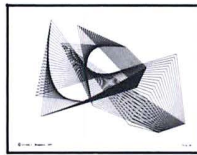
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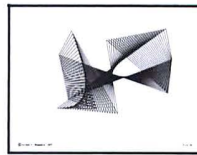
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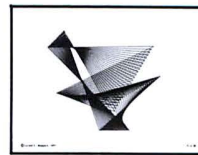
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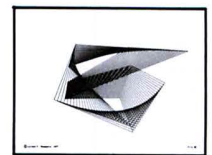
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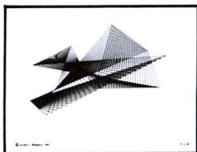
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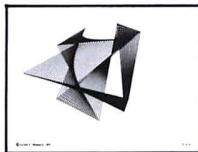
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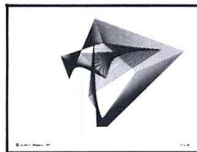
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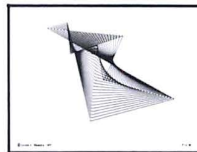
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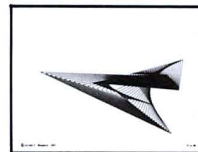
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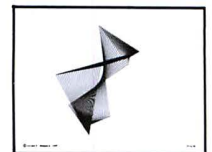
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... FROM THE FOUNTAINHEAD

By Adam Osborne

I recently returned from a trip through Europe. While there, I visited a couple of computer stores to see how the computer hobby industry is doing in Europe. I visited two stores: Microcomputer Systems, operated by Dr. E. Albarda outside of the Hague in the Netherlands, and The Computer Boutique, operated by Andrew Siligman in Paris, France. Dr. Albarda in the Hague really has a small business systems store; he does not operate a computer store in the U.S.A. fashion. His customers are entirely small businesses buying computer systems for their internal data processing. Andrew Siligman's Computer Boutique in Paris is still too new to have developed a pattern, but for the moment it looks more like a typical U.S.A. computer store. An interesting venture for Andrew Siligman is that he will have Christmas displays at Le Printemps and the Galerie Lafayette, the two largest department stores in Paris. These displays will show computer systems for small businesses and hobbyists. So far as I know, this is a first in the world — computer systems being displayed in department stores as Christmas presents.

The European computer hobby industry, and European computer stores in general, are probably twelve to eighteen months behind the U.S.A. I doubt if there are more than ten computer stores in all of Europe at the present time. The principal reason for this is a question of customer understanding. True, the economics of computer stores in Europe are not quite as favorable as they are in the U.S.A., but I do not believe this to be a major factor. There are as yet very few European manufacturers of hobby products, and the U.S. manufactured products all cost approximately 25% more in Europe. With the exception of Britain, however, salaries in Northern Europe are quite comparable to U.S.A. salaries; in Scandinavia and Germany average salaries are probably a little bit higher than they are in the U.S.A. Thus, the cost of a computer system in itself is no more of a deterrent in Europe than it is in the U.S.A. Once European customers discover what is available, I believe the market will be just as vigorous as it is over here. My conclusion is that there is an enormous opportunity in Europe for experienced U.S.A. store operators to do it again over there.

The controversy of tested and untested parts rolls on. G. Lewis Roberts in his letter (which was printed in the

October issue of INTERFACE AGE) pretty much corroborates the conclusions to which I have come. There are a few good manufacturers of hobby equipment and there are plenty of bad ones. We too have received a number of favorable comments regarding SD Sales, as I mentioned last month.

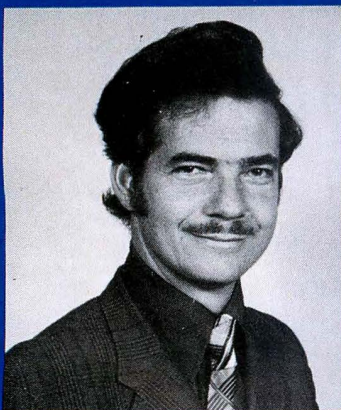
(Regarding the title of my column. Lewis, if you go back to the first issue you will see that I do not claim to be "The Fountainhead," rather, I am writing "From the Fountainhead" — the area around San Francisco where so much of the hobby industry is headquartered.)

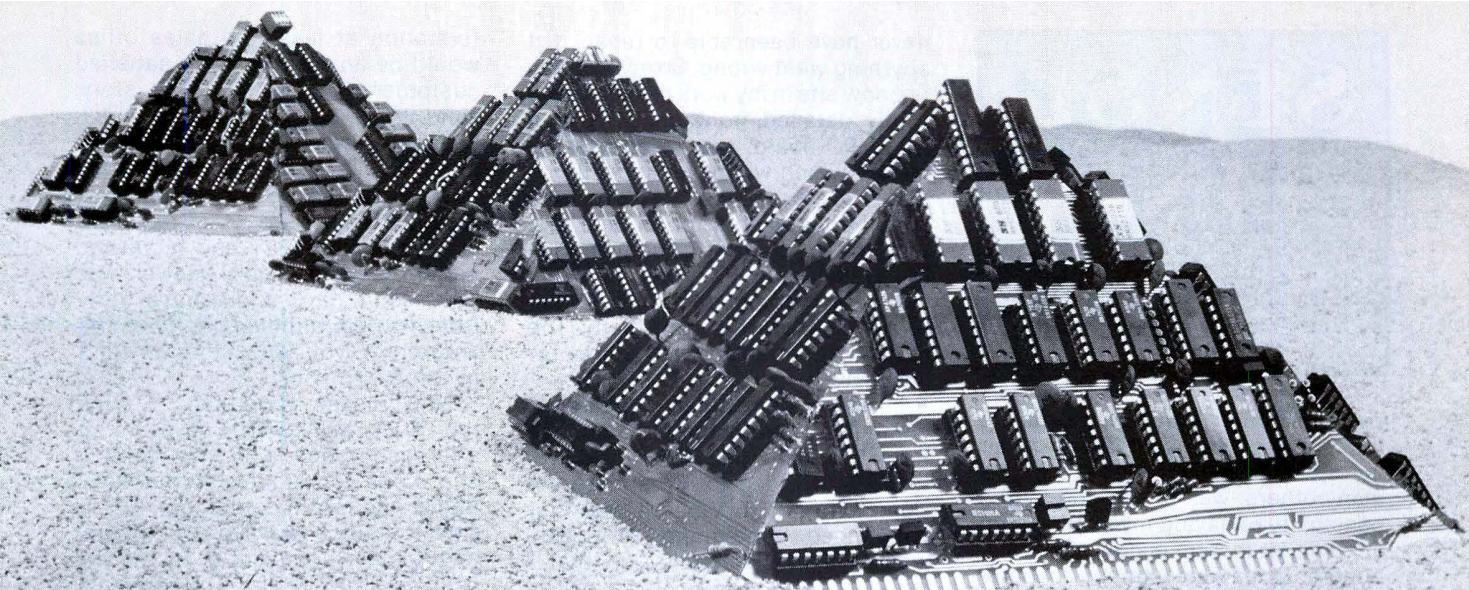
Bill Regan, president of Technico, wrote giving the cost of rigorously testing parts. Bill says that Technico tests all their products to accepted industry standards, and this adds approximately \$5.00 to the cost of an assembled microcomputer. For \$20.00, Technico will take an unassembled kit and run it through their automatic tester for you. If you have an untested kit and you live near Technico, I seriously urge you to take advantage of Bill's service. The Technico telephone number in Maryland is (301) 461-2200.

In the next few months I would like to describe some end-user applications, based on microcomputer systems, which are available on a turn-key basis. I am interested in business accounting systems, instrumentation systems, or anything else you may have put together. I receive many inquiries from potential customers for such systems, but surprisingly few telephone calls from people who have products for sale. I believe there is an excellent market developing for this kind of turn-key system.

For those of you who have already developed an end-user application which you think is salable, please send me information. If it looks good I will describe it in my column, allowing computer stores and customers to contact you directly.

If you do not have an end-user application but have your own microcomputer system, let me urge you to put something together. There is a good chance that what you put together will never sell and will be a financial failure; but there is a small chance that it will do very well. For the next year or two, the market is absolutely ready for end-user applications built around microcomputer systems; so all of you hobbyists out there get to work. My telephone number is (415) 548-2805.





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SENSE LINE

By Roger C. Garrett

Founder of the Rhode Island Computer
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Several years ago when the hobbyist computer industry was in its infancy and the now-famous Altair had just been introduced, I, like many others, was fascinated by the possibility of having my own system at home. At that time, however, a six-hundred-dollar investment in hardware was simply out of the question.

I decided to watch and wait. Over the following months other commercial systems appeared on the market; some with expanded capabilities, others with only the barest of boards. My interests, however, had grown tremendously and I was seriously considering the purchase of a system. Price was still a factor, and none of the systems had exactly what I wanted. An associate of mine with an equally keen interest in microprocessors suggested I build my own, not from a kit but from scratch. Well, this was a bit out of my line, for I am a software systems analyst not a design engineer. Since my friend is a design engineer, we decided to combine efforts and build our own.

I drew up a set of specifications of what I wanted the computer to do, including a fancy front panel that strongly resembled a DEC PDP-12.

While I built the front panel (25 rocker switches, 1 toggle switch, 7 momentary push buttons, and 30 LEDs) and wrote a cross-assembler in Fortran for the MCS-6502, the CPU of our system, my friend designed the logic of the system. When that was finally completed we began the task of acquiring the required parts and tools, chips, wiring, sockets, LEDs, wire-wrap tools, PC boards, and so on. The estimated final cost would be about \$200, not much higher than our original estimate and quite a savings over the commercial system.

Unfortunately, during the year and a half that we worked on our homebrew system the entire computer industry was overtaking us. Our setup would be obsolete before it was finished. The S-100 bus had become a standard and we had not allowed for it. With my own limited knowledge of electronics, even if we had ever gotten it running, I would

never have been able to repair it if anything went wrong. So my 'computer' now sits in my work room; a beautifully detailed front panel, a half-wired PC board, and a set of schematics which will never know life.

But all is not lost. My own personal requirements for a home system, the capabilities of commercially available units, my financial status, and commercial prices have finally met on the same path. The ready-made affordable computer has arrived.

I now have three major 'appliance' computer manufacturers to choose from. Based on their advertising brochures I decided to investigate the Commodore PET. When it was first announced I wrote them a letter asking for a user's manual so that I could evaluate the PET to make sure that it best fit my needs before sending in the \$600, the current price of the PET. I received a courteous reply stating that the manual would not be available until hardware deliveries began in September. That sounded reasonable. I am well aware of the problems in producing a technical manual.

When I saw a sales representative at the National Computer Conference in June I got the same response: "September delivery." Come September I wrote another letter asking if I could buy the user's manual. The response this time was "It should be available in December." September delivery of the hardware but December delivery of the manual that tells you how to use it! That sounded rather strange to me. I wondered how those customers who had already received their units could possibly be using them to their fullest potential, or any potential for that matter, without some kind of instructions.

Next I attended the Personal Computer Exposition in New York City as a representative of INTERFACE AGE. Again I tried to get some written specifications about the PET other than the two-page sales brochure. I was told that a 'preliminary' user's manual was being produced but that I couldn't get one. I would have to buy the computer to get the manual. They would not sell the manual separately. When I asked how a potential customer could evaluate with accuracy whether the PET would meet his requirements, I was told "... by buying it." Send in your \$600 and three months later (delivery 90 to 120 days) you can decide whether you spent your money wisely.

Obviously I wasn't getting anywhere. A few days later I called Commodore and spoke to someone in the sales department. I figured that if the people manning the demonstration booths at the computer shows didn't want to give out too much in-

formation at least the sales office would be anxious to get a satisfied customer. It was the same story: send in the cash. I began to understand the frustration of a friend of mind who worked at Brown University in Rhode Island. He, too, had contacted Commodore when they first announced the PET and requested certain details. Their answer was "We don't have a purchase order from you so, although we have the answers to your questions we can't give them to you."

Now please understand, I think the PET is a great little computer at a fantastic price and I may just purchase one yet. Along with the Radio Shack and Heath computers, PET is sure to mark a new era in computer technology, comparable to the impact of the Altair. The problem seems to be that no one has told Commodore how to sell it. A computer is not a washing machine or a stereo. It is an *intelligence* device and as such it uses and capabilities are far reaching and diverse. The potential customer will want to know exactly what to expect for his money. Can he plug in his voice output unit? If not, how can he interface to the S-100 bus? Can he set it up as a multiprocessing system? Can he plug in his own keyboard or TV set? How does he write and load machine language programs? What are the BASIC commands it recognizes?

If I am going to buy a PET, or any computer for that matter, I want to know what I am getting. It should not be too much to ask that the manufacturer supply the answers in a manual or comprehensive brochure. They can charge for the manual; that makes sense, but give us the answers. Let us evaluate before spending what for most of us is a substantial amount of money.

Now, I don't mean for this to deter anyone from buying a PET or other hardware. What I am saying is that rightly we should expect full information about products and easy access to that information — not by individual answers over the phone — so that we hobbyists may make intelligent purchasing decisions.

Let me say, finally, that so far I have only attempted to get information from Commodore. I do not know what the sales policy is at the other major 'appliance' computer manufacturers. I offer this observation to them, however; hobbyists and personal computer users, like their computers, are hungry for information. They will evaluate accurately a product *before* buying it. Satisfy the customer before the sale and he will remain happy after.

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Home, Mother and the Microcomputer

By Linda Folkard-Stengel, Feature Editor

The microprocessor like the laser of two decades' yore, is a technology in search of applications. This is doubly true in the case of the device within the home. Indeed the microcomputer's growth as a personal toy has been phenomenal; still it remains an intruder, often considered an eyesore to the decor or a tolerated strain on the budget, a curmudgeon resented by wives and children who often feel that it competes with them for father's all-too-scarce company.

It does not need to be this way. The computer is an amiable leprechaun, willing and able to be "adopted" into the family. It can perform useful services for the home in return for the space it occupies, the installment payments it occasioned and the power it consumes. How? By becoming the electronic steward of the household.

First one must define a household. It is any dwelling of permanent residence from a one-room rural hut or urban "pad" to a mansion or palace. A household may be composed of from one person to an extended family, their servants and livestock. However, in this context we may limit our definition to a family composed of mother, father and their children. We may also define their dwelling as a single-family detached house. This image of course is misleading for it comprises only six percent of the census-tabulated households in North America. The popular image of this dwelling is a house resplendent with the amenities of the Space Age.

In fact the opposite is true. The domestic dwelling has remained virtually unchanged for seven millennia. When Sir Leonard Woolley excavated Ur of the Chaldees, he uncovered floorplans of private homes which he describes as "modern" by 20th-Century standards.

We could reverse that point of view to conclude that our domestic architecture is so antiquated, as to be ante-diluvian.

Our room arrangements differ little from the Sumerians: a suite of kitchen, dining room, storerooms, bedrooms, nurseries, bathrooms and workrooms all connected by indoor corridors or outdoor walkways. In each room are furnishings placed along walls or grouped in the center. Then as now some rooms were sparsely furnished, and some cluttered.

The introduction of domestic plumbing is ancient. Knossos had hot and cold running water. This amenity remains the baseline of good housing to this day. What about the products and services of energy utilities? Conduits are integral with the building, but few appliances are planned and built into the house. As appliances are purchased, room is found for them. Most homes, even ten-year-old ones, lack the number of power outlets needed to accommodate the family's collection of appliances. This is a hazardous situation often leading to tragic consequences.

Even when we discount the worst cases of hazardous construction, we often find the family forced to live around the furnishings. "Buy fewer of those gadgets,"

some say. That is not the solution. Why strip the house of its automatic laundry, its microwave cooker, its multiple television sets and its useful bench and desk tools? They save time and alleviate us from the ugliest drudgeries. Rather we should design the house around these furnishings to integrate them into the whole structure, thereby saving space and consuming the least amount of energy.

The gross sum of kilowatts and thermal units consumed by private households is not a "bucket from the ocean." Because of its haphazard growth and development, the household is very wasteful. Thermal loss is a measurable factor. Waste includes overdesign of certain motors and systems designed to operate at constant peak load. On a national scale a vast inventory of funds and energy is tied up in the ownership and storage of expensive equipment used only periodically. In the past few years this situation is being recognized by the public who make increasing use of equipment rentals.

With the appalling rise in energy costs, private wastefulness characteristic of the Fifties and Sixties is not likely to recur. Present power bills teach a lesson of frugality for all but the very rich.

At this time frugality in the home must primarily mean self-denial because the domestic sector has been ignored as a beneficiary of the invention bonanza. That sounds like a contradiction since the popular marketing target is the family. Take a closer look to find that most of what is offered the family is technologically fifth-generation vintage. A technological *breakthrough* is an appliance such as a box with a piston which converts 100 pounds of garbage into 100 pounds of garbage.

One reason for this state of affairs might be because so few women are involved in technical design. The relatively few women engineers not engaged in aerospace work are either in life sciences or teaching. This has left the decision of domestic design in the hands of males who in turn are directed in their projects by other males from management. This last group is notorious for spending the least time at home.

The industries involved in supplying goods and service to the private life sector strive for convenience and simplicity in operation as well as the shortest mean time between failure. Advertising campaigns stress "convenience" and convert MTBF into "fashion." In their image anything operated by mother must have turnkey capability only. Being exposed to no opposing view, she too believes this — most of the time. But that wall of dogma is crumbling. Courses in auto repair are well attended by the homemaker group and the sale of hand calculators has intensified the veracity in weights and prices.

As the microcomputer gains its place as another home appliance, its use by the homemaker will increase, especially when the devices change role from additional dustcatchers to useful tools.



Earlier I spoke of the micro system as an electronic steward in the household. What can be foreseen as its functions in this role? First it can help in meal preparation. Then it can monitor thermal needs for each room in actual occupation. It can meter water use for peak and low periods of the day; direct gardening requirements of fertilizers and irrigation and calculate growth schedules of plants. The microprocessor can control security devices such as burglar alarms, electrified fences and custom radio signalled door openers. When the home is unoccupied, a program can direct lighting patterns to simulate occupancy. Coupled with vibration sensors the microprocessor could be used to turn off the gas in case of earthquake, accidental ramming or windstorms. Gas-caused fires are frequent secondary damage after these events, often causing more devastation than the original trauma.

There is a rich potential for design of the microprocessor into home applications. The most qualified group to undertake this task would seem to be the woman already employed in technical endeavors. Her familiarity with the home as a system permits her to envision problems. Since more of her private life is spent in time-wasting errands than other members of the family, it is in her interest to upgrade the management objectives of the household. The technical woman might be better qualified to envision the design interface between the world of sliderules and the world of cookbooks resulting in a crop of hardware, software and firmware intelligible to the public.

The family should not be denied the comforts that the Space Age can offer. However, if the home is to survive as a nest for the traditional family, it must integrate technology, not avoid it.

The Computer Is A



Things Your Husband Never
Told You About Microcomputers

By Dian Crayne

Household Appliance

Unless you're one of the increasing number of women in the data processing field you probably don't know much about computers. You know that they are large, that big corporations use them for inventory control and payroll processing, and you know that once in a while they foul up your gas bill.

Now your husband has brought home something a little larger than a typewriter and introduced it as his new computer. What do you do?

Forget about the fire ax or the divorce settlement for a moment. The chances are that you can get just as much use out of that gadget as your spouse, and have just as much fun doing it. Yes, some computers are large, and corporations use them for a multitude of purposes. True, they are often blamed for oddities in the normal flow of business. Usually, however, they work correctly. And they can work for small companies as well as large ones — companies the size of your family.

That new computer can help balance the budget, convert your favorite recipe into metric, and maintain a laundry or grocery list. It can calculate how many hours the roast has to stay in the oven, and entertain you when there's nothing on television.

Your new home computer has as much power and ability as some of the commercial computers of fifteen years ago. It is a tool, and a tool which can be both valuable and rewarding to use. The main advantages of a computer are that it can process information very rapidly, and it can do the same thing over and over thousands of times without getting bored or making mistakes. A computer isn't smart, as humans think of intelligence, it just has a very good memory.

What do you have to know to use a computer? Not much more than you need to know to operate an adding machine. Forget about the circuit boards, the integrated circuits, and how many bits there are in a byte. Unless you really want to get down to the nuts and bolts of working with the equipment, all you really have to learn is how to communicate with the machine.

Computers, like people, speak different languages. Most of the smaller computers on the market today use a programming language called BASIC. This, like the other programming languages, is just a set of instructions or commands that the computer is built to understand. A series of these instructions is called a program. A computer program can make the machine accept information and store it, add numbers together, subtract, multiply and divide. It can also instruct the computer to display information and to process it in a special order.

Although programming looks baffling at first glance there is no particular mystery about it. Let's take a look at this little example, which calculates the cooking time for a pot roast.

```
10 LET A = 0
20 LET B = 0
30 LET C = 0
40 PRINT "HOW MANY WHOLE POUNDS DOES IT WEIGH?"
50 INPUT A
60 A = A * 16
70 PRINT "AND HOW MANY OUNCES?"
80 INPUT B
90 X = A + B
100 PRINT "WELL-DONE (1), MEDIUM (2), OR RARE (3)?"
110 INPUT C
120 IF C = 1 GOTO 160
130 IF C = 2 GOTO 180
140 Y = X * 1.25
150 GOTO 190
160 Y = X * 1.87
170 GOTO 190
180 Y = X * 1.56
190 Y = Y/60
200 PRINT "COOK IT FOR";Y;"HOURS."
210 END
```

First, notice the numbers on the left side. These are line numbers. A program usually starts at line number 10 with each additional line number increased by ten. This way you can put in extra lines later, if you need to. Line numbers are necessary because they provide a map for the machine. Without the numbers the computer would lose its place in the program.

The first three lines of our program are for what is called "initialization." This means that you have set the values to something (zero in this case) to be sure that your later calculations will be correct. Initialization is not always necessary, but it never hurts and can be very valuable.

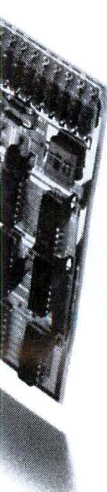
On Line 40 there is a PRINT statement. This directs the computer to display the line that is in quotation marks. The INPUT line following it tells the program to wait for a number from the person talking to it.

Probably the most common programs running on home computers today are game programs. Chances are that the man in your life has one running on his computer right now. Game programs are popular with the hobbyist for two main reasons. First, they are relatively easy to program and fun to play. Second, not many people have really worked on the other things the home computer can do.

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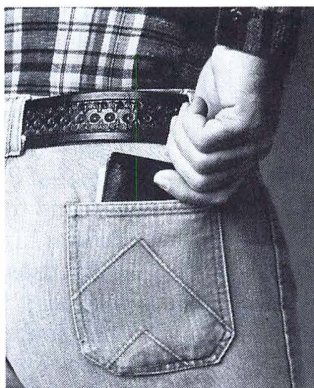
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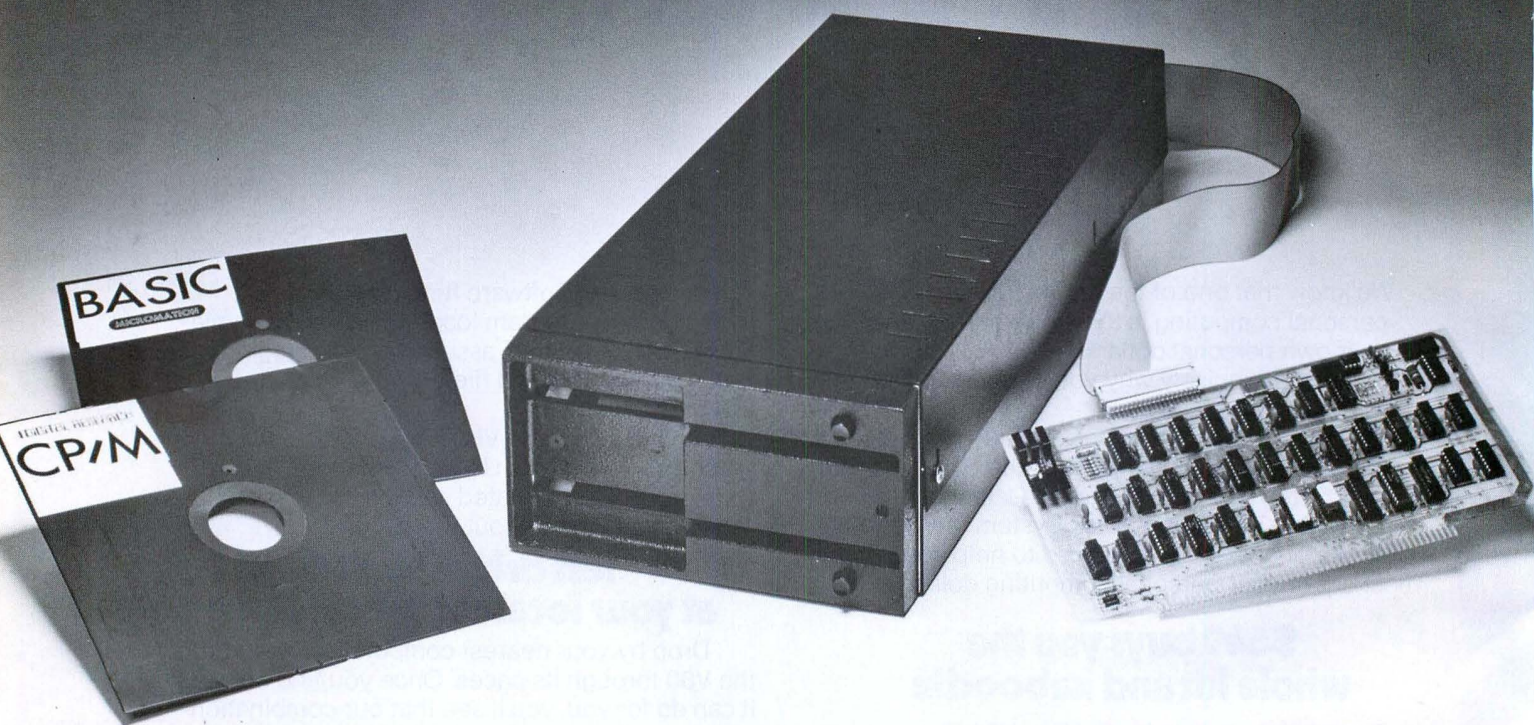
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On Line 60 the program is instructing the computer to take the number which was entered, represented by A, and multiply it by 16. This multiplication provides the number of ounces in the poundage entered. (A, incidentally, is what is called a variable. It is a number whose value can change each time the program is used or "run.")

Lines 70, 80, and 90 of the program ask for the number of ounces of weight, and then add that number to A. This addition gives the total weight of the roast. The program has been written so that the result is called X. X is the result of adding A and B.

The next section, Lines 100 through 190, takes care of the actual cooking time. Since there are three possibilities (Well, Medium, and Rare) the lines have to be separated by GOTO statements. Otherwise the numbers would be multiplied all three times and you would have a very well done piece of meat. The program causes the computer to check a selection against the possibilities given on Lines 120 and 130. If the selection isn't equal to either 1 or 2 the computer does the calculation on Line 140 and gives us the cooking time for a rare roast. The numbers are 1.25, 1.87, and 1.56, which represent minutes per ounce, are "constants." Unlike variables they will be the same each time the program is run.

Line 150 bypasses the other multiplication and sends the machine to Line 190 where it divides the total minutes of cooking time by 60 to get the number of hours. The answer is printed out on Line 200.

The last line in the program is an END statement. Each program must have an END so the computer will stop processing.

Four of the lines in our program contain GOTO statements. This instruction means exactly what it says. It tells the machine to GO TO a particular line number. Another similar statement in BASIC is GOSUB. This instruction, not shown in our example, tells the computer to go to a particular line, do that series of instructions, and then come back to where it was. GOTO and GOSUB are two of the most common statements used in BASIC programs.

When this program is actually run it looks like this:

HOW MANY WHOLE POUNDS DOES IT WEIGH?

6

AND HOW MANY OUNCES?

7

WELL-DONE (1), MEDIUM (2), OR RARE (3)?

2

COOK IT FOR 2.67 HOURS.

As you can see, the answer is in hours and fractions of hours. There was no calculation in the program for changing the answer into hours and minutes. (An interesting addition to the program would be to ask for the time the roast should be served and then calculate the time it ought to go into the oven. This would involve subtracting time, and might lead to questions of using 24 hour or "military" time.)

Although many programs are quite complicated, others are just as straightforward as our example. With a little practice you can write simple, useful BASIC programs. Get to know your machine's version of BASIC. There is probably a small manual that came with the computer. If there isn't one, get your spouse to write down the instructions for you and how they have to be entered. (Machines are picky about punctuation. Some like apostrophes, others insist on quotation marks, etc.) Enter a few sample programs copied from books or magazines to get an understanding of how the instructions are used. Then write a simple program of your own. It can be as easy as the example just shown. The more you work with your new tool the better you will understand it. Computer programming can be interesting, creative, and it can also be useful. Why should your husband have all the fun?

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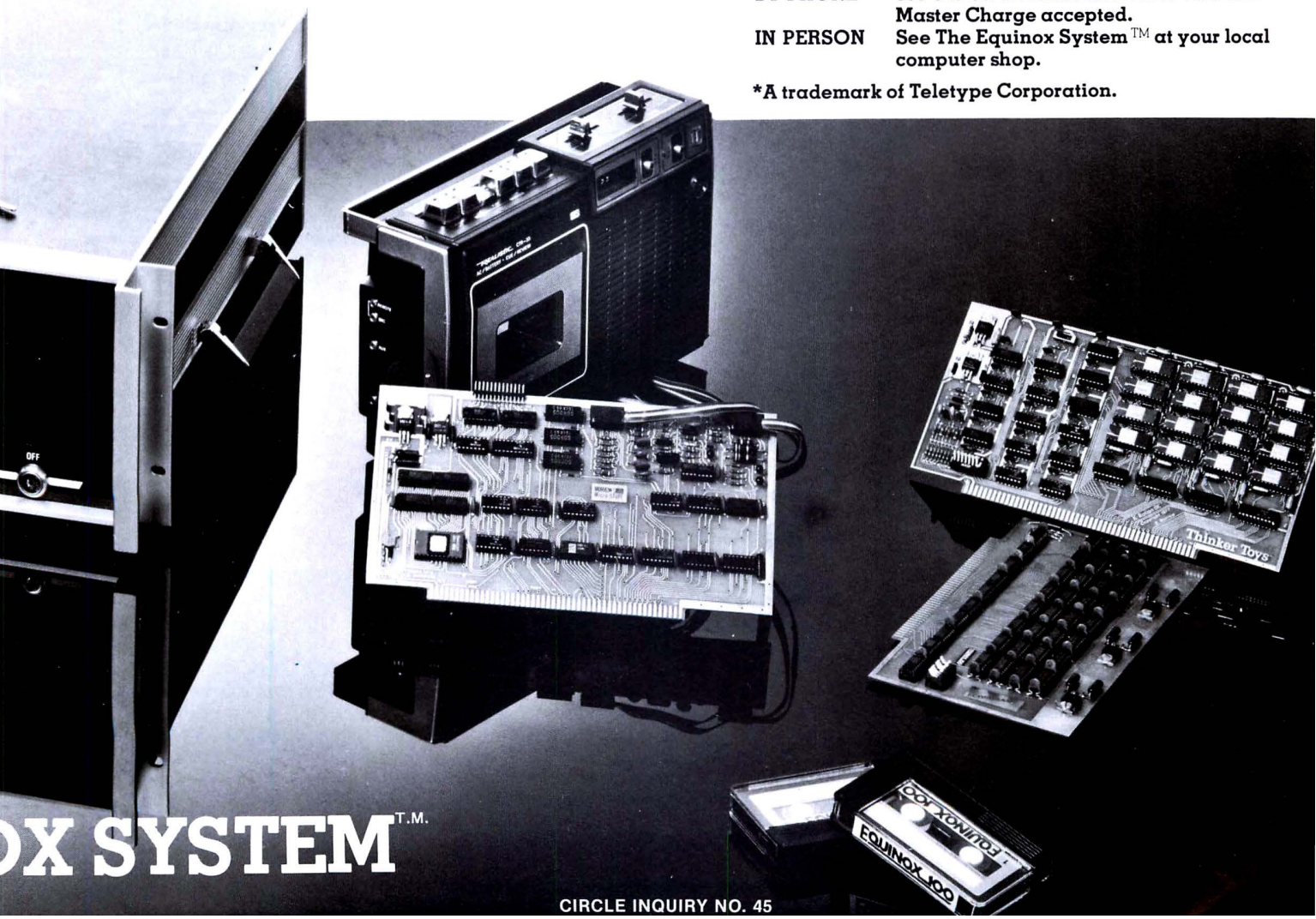
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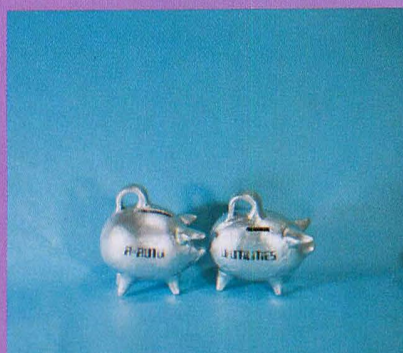
Household Finance System I

By Francis Ascolillo



INTRODUCTION

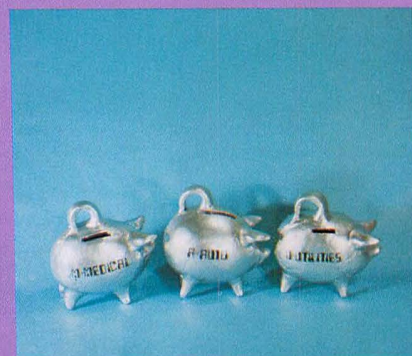
The Household Finance System (HFS) is a two-part program designed to give the average family a rapid concise overview of its economic tendencies and trends. The theme is centered around the family checkbook and can be run by the person who balances the checkbook,



whether that person is computer-oriented or not. This can be a great way to show your wife the usefulness of the home computer system, especially if she normally keeps track of the checkbook.

This first part, HFS I, utilizes a FORTRAN-like formatted input configuration to provide MONTHLY REPORTS consisting of itemized and categorized printouts suitable for storage and future reference. It also makes provision for a punched paper tape containing all of the year-to-date data for use with subsequent monthly runs and is the basis for analysis provided by the companion article, HFS II.

HFS I is intended to consider twelve



categories of expenses as shown on the sample run as ITEM CODES. These can be changed very simply to conform to your own personal system of categorization of expenses.

This breakout is critical and any changes should be carefully considered. The number of categories was fixed at twelve because of memory constraints and should prove adequate as long as the expenses are applied consistently to the proper item code. This categorization of a particular type of expense should be carefully preplanned and then strictly maintained.

FEATURES

This is a highly automated program utilizing a formatted input arrangement, which unlike BASIC, allows multiple, tabular entries on the same line at time of inputting. It produces a finished MONTHLY RECORD of all expenditures at least 8½"x11" in size for filing. It lists all checks by number, nature of expense, amount, reason for expenditure and totals per



The program is "human engineered" to prevent crashes and will ignore most improper entries. Errors are corrected by typing a BACK-ARROW, upon which the program will print "XX" and go to the next field without entering any data in the erroneous field or in the totals.

The program provides storage on punched tape of each month's data, for use in the next month's run, the next twelve months, last twelve months, or for other future extensions, not yet developed in the program. The tape storage feature allows the user to enter months in any order and frees the computer for other programs without loss of year-to-date data by removing the program until needed the following month.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Both HFS I and HFS II were developed to run on an Altair 8800 with 12K of memory containing 8K MITS BASIC through an ASR 33. Each section can be run individually in 12K of memory or both HFS I and HFS II can be run simultaneously in 16K of memory. The "remark" statements are removed when the tape is read in and this is necessary to remain within the listed memory constraints.

The listing for HFS I requires 3570 bytes storage without the remark statements and 5490 bytes to run on top of BASIC. The HFS II tape can be run in on top of this tape and both run



simultaneously simply by reading in the HFS II tape after HFS I is resident.

OPERATION

After run is typed, prompts will appear and are answered in the usual BASIC manner. Then the DEPOSIT field will appear. Each monthly deposit is then entered with a "space" bar to indicate the end of a particular entry. The present program configuration will accept up to thirty deposits. To change this number, change the "30" in line 21 to reflect the maximum number of deposits you normally encounter. Spacing and line length are automatic. After the last deposit is entered and the "\$" appears, type ANY LETTER to exit this field. The program then types a TEARLINE and enters the EXPENDITURE field. This is oriented towards checks you have written and is based on the CHECK NUMBER. This program configuration will accept fifty-five checks, in addition to any voided checks. To increase or decrease this number, change "55" as found in lines 9, 36, and 936 to reflect the number of checks you usually write. The number of checks you issue in a month may surprise you. Type the proper CODE next to the proper CHECK NUMBER to indicate the type of expenditure, then the amount, SPACE BAR, a DESCRIPTION of the expenditure and end the line with a carriage return. The ITEM DESCRIPTION will accept thirty characters and should be complete enough so as to be identifiable many months later. Keep in mind: The description field is not stored in memory and is saved only on the monthly hard copy report. To change the length of the description field change the "30" in line 54 to the desired field length. No corrections are allowed in the



Description Field. The carriage return will increment the check number, and prepare the next line. Type "V" for any voided checks. When all checks are entered, type ANY NUMBER in the CODE COLUMN and the program will proceed to the TOTALS portion. Answer the prompts to obtain the readout you wish. A SECOND TEARLINE will appear.

By cutting on these tearlines, a monthly record is made to be preserved for future reference. When prompted, mount the prior MONTHLY TAPE and start the reader. When the tape is finished, the program will automatically go to the next stage. If you don't have a tape to read, just type "NO" and the program will accommodate itself to that situation. It is not necessary to enter the months in the proper chronological order, either by "tape" or the monthly run as the program will sort this out. Do not attempt to type a monthly tape on LOCAL by the keyboard, as the parity bit could make it read wrong in the program. When the program is finished, it will prompt you to turn on the tape punch. Do so, and type a carriage return. This will provide a compilation of all monthly data on one tape for future use.

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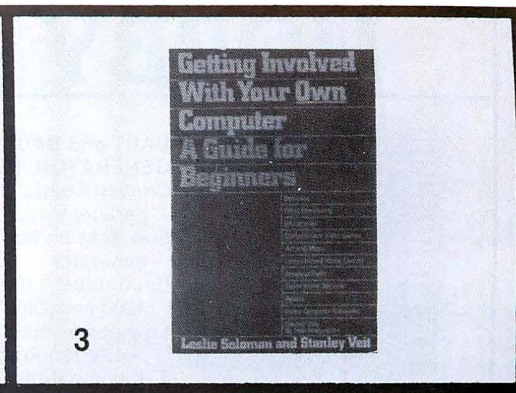
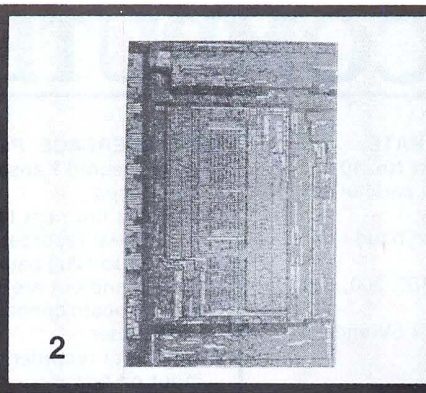
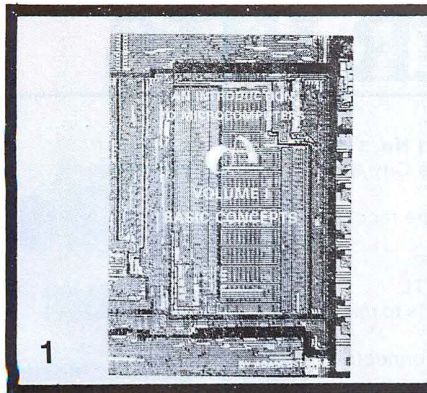
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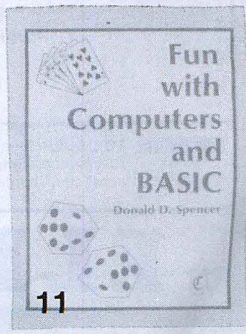
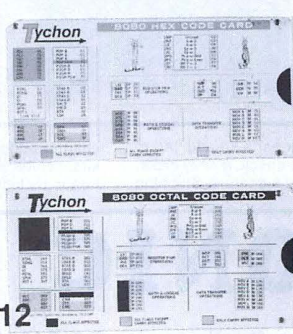
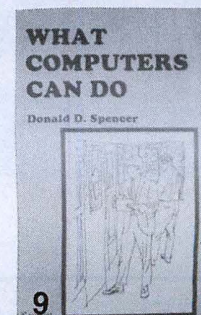
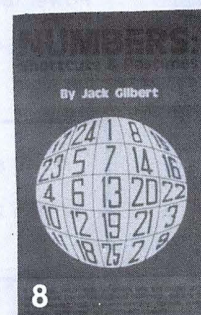
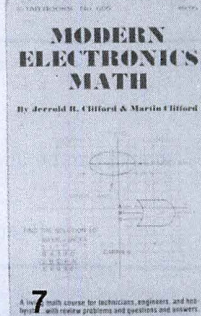
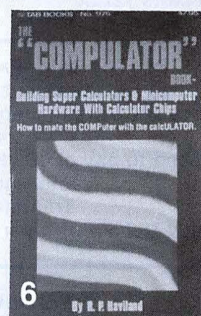
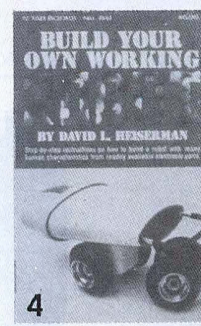
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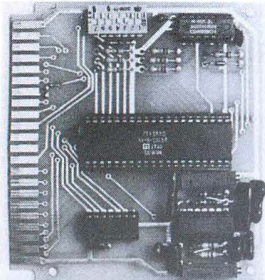
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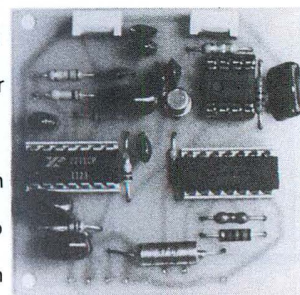
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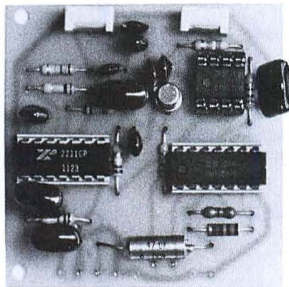
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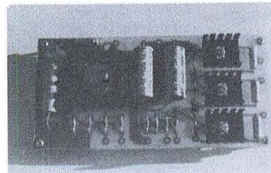
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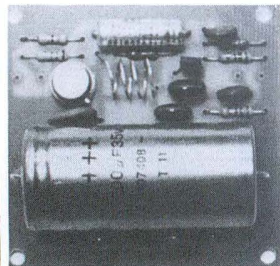
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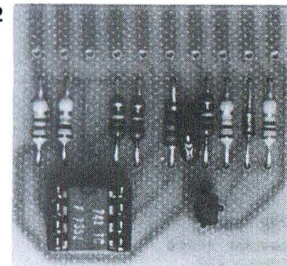
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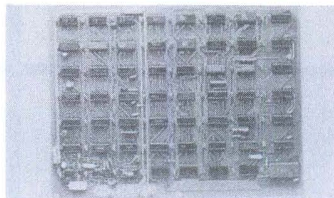


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- A non-valid character will not echo nor enter.
- If the program is expecting a number, and a letter is entered, it will exit the field. (Also Vice-Versa)
- Some portions of the program are slow, so give them a chance to operate.
- The month must be entered numerically, such as 5, 77 instead of May, 1977.

HINTS

The most critical area of this program is the categorization of a particular expenditure and proper codification. For example, A = Automobile. Any expense connected with the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of all autos in the household should be coded "A." This includes gasoline, acquisition costs, registration fees, repairs, taxes, etc. Household should be used for rent, mortgage payments, real estate taxes, improvements and any other real estate expense as distinguished from curtains or furniture which would not be left with the house if and when it is sold. Paycheck, for example, is used to list payroll deductions such as insurance, taxes, etc. These code allocations are general and can be tailored to the individual household, but the number of code groups must be maintained at twelve.

The accuracy and successful application of this program is directly related to the frequency of using checks on as many expenditures as possible. All incoming monies should be deposited and operating cash should be obtained by cashing a check for cash.

CONCLUSION

Businesses depend on past and future financial trends and tendencies in order to maintain profit and growth in their operations. Through careful application and consideration of the data evolved by this program, the average household will be provided with economic feedback not ordinarily available. It will point out your spending habits and allow you to make rational decisions on future financial trends or planning.

HFS I provides a complete data base for use in HFS II and reference at later dates if you spot a bad financial trend developing as indicated by HFS II. If a non-computerist handles the checkbook, this will be no problem at all for her/him. The automatic features are disconcerting at first, but give the person a chance to operate and the system will provide a speedy comfortable way to develop data for immediate and long term usage.

EXAMPLE OF MONTHLY RECORD EXPENDITURES

RUN
WHAT MONTH (TYPE M, Y)? 5, 77
STARTING CHECK NUMBER? 1246
STARTING BALANCE? 600

ENTER DEPOSITS
\$125 \$215.46 \$27.04 \$15 \$215.26 \$4.45 \$215.46 \$215.4
\$27.23 \$X

ITEM CODES

A- AUTO	H- HOUSEHOLD
B- BUSINESS	X- MEDICAL
C- CASH	P- PAYCHECK
D- HOBBIES	S- SAVINGS
E- EDUCATION	U- UTILITIES
F- FOOD	X- EXTRAS

ENTER EXPENDITURES

MAY, 1977

CHECK CODE	AMOUNT	ITEM
1246 A	\$22.45	LUBE CHEVY
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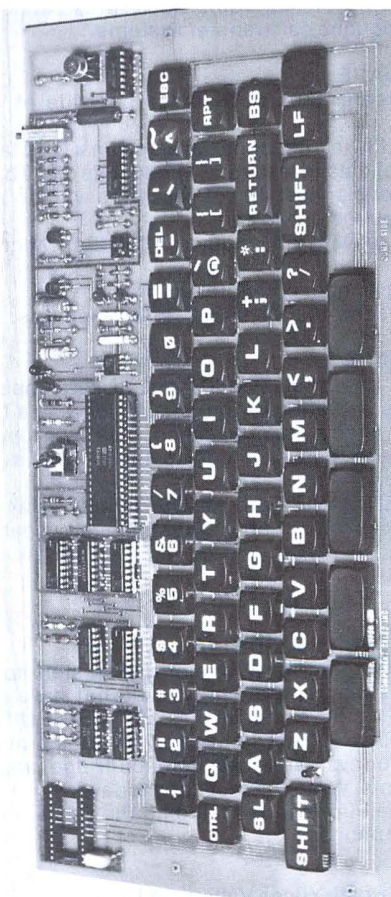
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$ 58.55 =BUSINESS
$ 40.00 =CASH
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$ 17.35 =EDUCATION
$ 223.76 =FOOD
$ 273.72 =HOUSEHOLD
$ 15.00 =MEDICAL
$ 0.00 =PAYCHECK
$ 50.00 =SAVINGS
$ 88.51 =UTILITIES
$ 25.35 =EXTRAS
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DEPOSITS THIS MONTH	\$ 1116.36
EXPENDITURES	\$ 937.17
UNACCOUNTED MONIES	\$ 179.19
PRESNET BALANCE	\$ 779.19

DO YOU HAVE A TAPE TO READ ? YES

START TAPE READER:

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DO YOU WANT A YEARLY TOTAL ? YES
$ 111.21 = AUTO
$ 60.78 = BUSINESS
$ 43.83 = CASH
$ 39.18 = HOBBIES
$ 22.58 = EDUCATION
$ 229.99 = FOOD
$ 280.95 = HOUSEHOLD
$ 23.23 = MEDICAL
$ 9.23 = PAYCHECK
$ 60.23 = SAVINGS
$ 99.74 = UTILITIES
$ 37.58 = EXTRAS
$ 950.4 = EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR
$ 1130.59 = DEPOSITS THIS YEAR
$ 194.42 = UNACCOUNTED MONIES $
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IS TAPE PUNCH ON? YES

			3	1.23	2.23	3.23	4.23	5.23	6.23	7.23	
8.23	9.23	10.23	11.23	12.23	13.23	14.23	15.23			5	
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PROGRAM BASIC LISTING

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1 REM **HOUSEHOLD FINANCE SYSTEM**
2 REM by FRANCIS ASCOLLO
3 REM TYPE IN DOLLAR AMOUNT THEN SPACE BAR
4 REM AFTER LAST DEPOSIT IS ENTERED, TYPE ANY LETTER
5 REM TYPE V IN THE CODE COLUMN FOR ANY VOIDED CHECKS
6 REM AFTER LAST EXPENDITURE IS ENTERED, TYPE ANY NUMBER
7 REM CARHET IS USED TO ANSWER PROMPTS AND END DESCRIPTION
8 REM IN EXPENDITURE FIELD. OTHERWISE, DON'T USE 11.
9 DIME(65,2),C(12,15),D(9)
10 INPUT"WHAT MONTH (TYPE X,Y)":"X,Y":IF Y>9 THEN Y=Y-1900
11 INPUT"STARTING CHECK NUMBER":"C
12 INPUT"STARTING BALANCE":"B1:PRINT:PRINT:IF X=1 THEN B5=B1
21 PRINT"ENTER DEPOSITS":"PRINT":"F0H1=11030:GOSUB 900:IFF=1 THEN B5
22 IF A=1 THEN PRINT"X":"NEXT X
23 L=L+1:FL=THEML:O:PRINT L=D+12:PRINT"1":"NEXT L:PRINT
24 D=D+12:PRINT"5":"NEXT M:PRINT L=N+35
25 LN=35:PRINT M:PRINT L:PRINT L:AB(24)":"1:EX CODES:PRINT
26 PRINT"A- AUTO":"TAB(30):"H- HOUSEHOLD":"PRINT"N- BUSINESS":"TAB(30):
27 PRINT"M- MEDICAL":"PRINT"C- CASH":"TAB(30):"F- PAYCHECK:
28 PRINT"U- HOBBIES":"TAB(30):"S- SAVINGS":"PRINT"E- EDUCATION":"TAB(30):
30 PRINT"W- UTILITIES":"PRINT"F- FOOD":"TAB(30):"X- EXTRA":"PRINT
31 PRINT"ENTER EXPENDITURES":"PRINT:GOSUB 964:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:AB(24)
32 ONM GOSUB 721,722,723,724,725,726,727,728,729,730,731,732
33 PRINT","Y":1900:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"CHECK":"TAB(6):
36 PRINT"CODE":"TAB(12):"A:OUNT":"TAB(27):"1:EX":"1:OF:FORK=11065
40 PRINT:C:AB(3):C+C-1:GOSUB 964:IF A=C-5 THEN A=6
41 IF A=C-6 THEN PRINT:0070 40
46 E(C,1)=1:PRINT:TAB(12):"5":"5:GOSUB 900
48 IF C(1)=999 THEN C=C-1:PRINT"XX":GOTO 40
50 E(C,2)=12:PRINT:AB(25)
54 F0H A=11030:WAIT 16,1:IF N(17):IS=CHR$(1):IA=1-124
56 IF IA=13 THEN PRINT:GOTO 62
60 PRINT:IS:NEXT A
62 LN=L-1:NEXT X
64 FOR A=1 TO M:E=E+E(A,2):NEXT A
66 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:INPUT"WHAT ITEMIZED BREAKDOWN":"JCS:PRINT
72 Q=1:IF LEFT$(Q,1)="N" THEN H=L+LN+12
73 REM **END OF MONTH TOTALS
74 FOR I=1 TO I:RGSUB 66:IF I=1 THEN COSUB 66:PRINTX
75 NEXT I:PRINT:PRINT DEPOSITS THIS MONTH:"TAB(25):"S"IL
76 PRINT"EXPENDITURES":"TAB(25):"S"IL
77 DE=INT((D-E)/100)/100:PRINT"UNACCOUNTED MONTHS:"TAB(25):"S"IL
78 B=B+DE:PRINT"PRESENT BALANCE":"TAB(25):"S"IL
80 C(X,13)=E(C,M,14)=E(C,M,15)=DE:PRINT:PRINT
82 IF LN=1 THEN FOR C=1 TO LN:PRINT:INEXT C
84 GOSUB 964:PRINT
86 INPUT"DO YOU HAVE A TAPE TO READ" "JCS:IF LEFT$(C,1)="N" THEN A=0
88 INPUT"PRINT START TAPE READER":"AS=41:A=12:A7=13:AS=1:GOSUB 596
129 REM **PROCESS READER DECIMAL
140 PRINT:INPUT"DO YOU WANT A YEARLY TOTAL" "JCS:RESTORE
142 IF LEFT$(C,13)="N" THEN A=0
144 REM **PRINTS IOTAL TOTALS

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146 FORK=1015:GOSUB400:PRINTX:NEXTX
408 PRINT:PRINT:INPUT"IS TAPE PUNCH ON?";C$
409 REM **PUNCH TAPE
410 GOSUB504:GOSUB504:X=0
414 FORJ=1012:JT=0:FORJ=11015:JT=JT+C(X,J):NEXTJ
415 IFJT=0THENIFM=<11THEN501
416 IFJT=0THENIFM=>121HEN502
417 PRINTX:GOSUB504:FORJ=11015:JT=JT+C(X,J)
419 IF<0THENPRINTCHR$(32):CHR$(32);
420 PRINTF:PRINTJ:GOSUB506:FORZ=1104:PRINTCHR$(32):NEXTZ
501 NEXTX
502 PRINT "A":GOSUB504:11=1:GOTO1005
504 FORZ=11010:PRINTCHR$(32):NEXTZ:RETURN
506 FUNZ=1104:PRINTCHR$(32):PRINTZ:RETURN
595 REM **READ TAPE
596 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17)
597 IFIA=<45THEN596
598 IFIA=>58THENRETURN
599 Y=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IFIA>32THENY=10*(IA-48)
601 FORJ=A*TOA7:V=0:V1=0
604 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17)
605 IFIA=46THENF04
606 D7=1:IFIA=46THEN630
607 D(D7)=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IFIA=46THEN630
608 IFIA=45THEND7=D7+1:GOTO707
609 XS="":FORX=1TOD7:X=X+STR$(D(X)):NEXTX
610 C(X,J)=V+VAL(XS):NEXTJ:GOTO596
630 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):V=0:V1=0:IFIA=32THEN609
632 V1=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IFIA=32THENV=V1/10:GOTO609
636 V=(V1/10)*(IA-48)/100:GOTO609
721 PRINT"JANUARY":RETURN
722 PRINT"FEBRUARY":RETURN
723 PRINT"MARCH":RETURN
724 PRINT"APRIL":RETURN
725 PRINT"MAY":RETURN
726 PRINT"JUNE":RETURN
727 PRINT"JULY":RETURN
728 PRINT"AUGUST":RETURN
729 PRINT"SEPTEMBER":RETURN
730 PRINT"OCTOBER":RETURN
731 PRINT"NOVEMBER":RETURN
732 PRINT"DECEMBER":RETURN
750 REM **VALID INPUT
752 IFIA=32ORIA=95ORIA=46THENPRINTIS:RETURN
754 IFIA=>48THENIFIA=<57THENPRINTIS:RETURN
756 IFIA=<65THENIFIA=>90THENPRINTIS:RETURN
762 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IS=CHR$(I):IA=I-128:I=I-176:GOTO752
799 REM **SUB TO TOTALIZE EACH ITEM
800 Y=0:FORM=1012:L=C(X,K):Y=Y+L:NEXTM:READX:X=GOSUB766:RETURN
884 REM **INPUT SUB
885 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IS=CHR$(I):IA=I-128:I=I-176:GOSUB752:RETURN
889 REM **SUB TO INPUT TAPE
890 WAIT16,1:IA=INF(17):IA=IA-48:IS=STR$(I):RETURN
899 REM * DEPOSIT SUB
900 GOSUB885:IFIA=32THENRETURN
902 IFIA=46THENGOSUB950:12=16:RETURN
903 IFIA=95THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
904 IFIA=<65THENF1=128:I=I(1)=9999:RETURN
906 IFIA=<47THENIFIA=>54THENJ00
908 I(1)=I:FORK=32T04:GOSUB885:IFIA=32THEN922
910 IFIA=95THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
916 IFIA=46THENGOSUB950:GOTO924
917 IFIA=<48ORIA>57THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
918 I(X3)=I:NEXTX3
922 I6=0
924 IFIA=95THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
925 K3=K3-1:K5=K3
927 REM *MULTIPLIES INTEGERS
928 FORK=10K3:X=10*(K3-1):IFX=0THENX=1
930 I(K4)=I(K4)*X:K3=K3-1:NEXTK4:K3=K3-1:0:FORK4=1TOK3:I=I+I(K4)
942 NEXTK4:I2=I+16:RETURN
947 REM **PROCESS DECIMAL
950 I6=0:GOSUB945:I6=I/10:IFIA=95THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
952 GOSUB885:IFIA=32THENRETURN
954 IFIA=95THENI(1)=9999:RETURN
958 I=I/100:I6=16*I:RETURN
964 Y=0:FORK=1T065:IFC(X,I)=XTHENY=Y+(C(X,2))
965 NEXTI:I=I+C(X,T):Y:RETURN
966 PRINTS:Y:TAB(4):I="":RETURN
967 REM **PRINT TAB LINE
968 FORL=1T071:PRINT" ":NEXTL:RETURN
969 REM **SETS STRING VARIABLES
1005 END
2000 DATA 65,"AUTO",66,"BUSINESS",67,"CASH",68,"HOBBIES"
2001 DATA 69,"EDUCATION",70,"FOOD",71,"HOUSEHOLD",72,"MEDICAL"
2002 DATA 80,"PAYCHECK",83,"SAVINGS",85,"UTILITIES",88,"EXTRA"
2003 DATA 1,"EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR",1,"DEPOSITS THIS YEAR"
2004 DATA 1,"UNACCOUNTED MONIES"
OK

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delights. Upon completion of his task, he executed an abrupt about-face, placed a single manual digit in a lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward and affected his egress by renegotiating the smoke passage.

He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his rustic winter conveyance. Contracting his oral sphincter, he emitted a shrill series of notes to the antlered quadropeds of burden and proceeded to soar aloft in a movement hitherto observable chiefly among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed. But I overheard his parting exclamation as he drove out of sight: "Happy Christmas To All and To All A Good Night." Peace!

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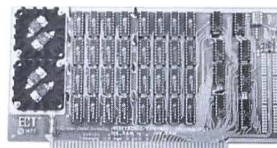
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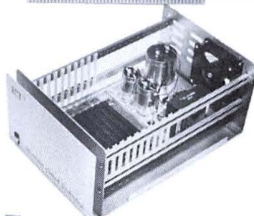
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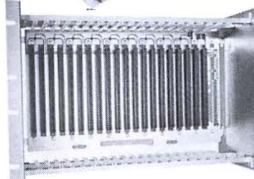
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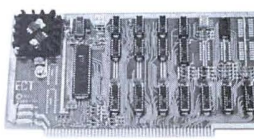
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INTRODUCTION

HFS-II, the companion article to HFS I, is essentially a Report Generator Program which utilizes data developed and stored by HFS I to provide a lucid, obvious indicator of financial habits and trends, past, present and future. The reports are hard copy printouts with no tape provisions. If a tape is required, set NULL to NULL 3 and put the tape punch on when the prompt, "DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR" is answered before typing C/R.

The program operates on the data tapes produced by HFS I. It can be resident in memory at the same time as HFS I with automatic linking if the HFS II tape is read in after the HFS I tape has been entered and Line 10 is eliminated. The two programs have been separated to assure usefulness to users with limited (12K) memory. In practice, it is most often utilized on a quarterly basis. The program assumes that full data are available. If data are lacking, it will return an error message or adapt to the lack of data by eliminating those reports which are reliant upon the missing data.

OPERATION

Follow the prompts as they appear, being certain to enter the month numerically. After the present year's tape is read in, there will be a considerable delay while the data are being transferred between matrices. Wait until the next prompt appears. You will be given a choice of one of three types of reports. Remember that the ANNUAL REPORT is on a separate tape and unavailable unless read in separately. Type the number of the report desired or type "4" to end the program. After the current report is produced, the program returns to this area to provide the opportunity to produce another or all three types of reports if desired. TEARLINES separate each report for filing. These can be removed by eliminating GOSUB 968 in any lines where this instruction appears.

As with HFS I, the HFS II is intended to run in 12K memory with 8K MITS BASIC resident. Sections 1 and 2 of HFS II require all of the remaining memory to run and the ANNUAL REPORT has been provided as a separate program. With 16K, this routine can be resident at the same time with no problem.

The three reports are essentially self-contained so they can be extracted and run separately as long as the required subroutines are included.

FEATURES

This program generates the following reports as described below by typing in the number you desire:

1. YEAR TO DATE
2. PRIOR 12 MONTHS
3. ANNUAL REPORT
4. END PROGRAM

YEAR TO DATE

This portion produces a listing of the financial experience encountered in the present year to date, consisting of three distinct sections. It can be run anytime during the year and is intended for quarterly reports. In addition to providing totals, it will give average figures and changes in percent from the monthly average. If there is a significant change in any item in a month, analysis of that month might indicate problems or future changes required to prevent re-occurrence. A comparison to the same month of the previous year is available if a data

tape for the previous year had been read in, and is invaluable to compensate for seasonal fluctuations to provide a more accurate picture. The effects of inflation normalization have not been included in this portion, but can be borne in mind while interpreting the results.

A COMMENT SECTION is included at the end of this portion to explain any unusual situation. This field is terminated by typing an asterisk(*), whereupon the program will ask if any additional reports are required. Type "4", if no.

YEAR TO DATE

SECTION I: TOTALS provides totals, in dollars, for each month in the present year plus the average monthly expenditure in dollars. All figures are provided in integers for greater visibility and ease in spotting trends. This will provide roundoff errors in the printout and some variations in the results, which are insignificant. The reason for any significant deviation from the average should be checked to determine its cause and likelihood of repeatability. This is when the MONTHLY REPORT generated by HFS I is utilized and is the reason for saving it as a reference source to obtain exact details of a problem area.

SECTION II: TREND provides a breakdown of the deviation from the YEAR TO DATE monthly average as found in any particular month. It is expressed as a PERCENTAGE, not dollars. A "-" sign indicates a drop in spending or a savings for that particular month over the yearly average and is desirable. Large incursions here will point out unusual expenditures. Reading an ITEM LINE from left to right will show what direction, (increasing or decreasing) your spending habits are heading during the present year. An unsigned number is "+" and, therefore, an increasing expense. In analyzing this, bear in mind that inflation will usually cause a steady, small increase as the year progresses. Don't lose track that these are percentages, not dollars.

In order to minimize the impact of an unusual or non-reoccurring monthly expense, the percent of deviation of any monthly item is limited to 100%. This will assure a more realistic picture of the trend. Wherever 100% occurs in the listing, it should be noted that the actual deviation can be any figure exceeding 100%.

In the same vein, the AVERAGE column is not arithmetically correct. This figure represents a weighted average and makes each succeeding month 10% more significant than the preceding month. Thus, the AVG will be a clear indicator of what is happening lately, as a trend, and provides a more accurate basis for evaluating future experience. This is intended to show what increase or decrease can be expected next month over this month's figures.

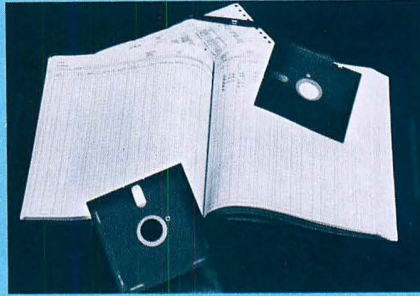
At first, this section can be confusing, as it is expressed in percent, not dollars, and a "-" shows a favorable trend.

SECTION III: Change from prior year is intended to show the difference in PERCENTAGE of spending from the same month last year, during each month, for each item and the current year. There is a limitation factor of 100% applied to the results to modify the effect of an unusual monthly experience in either year. This means that the average change, while not arithmetically correct, will provide a more realistic view of changes between years on the whole and will partially disregard any major unusual circumstances.

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PRIOR TWELVE MONTHS

This provides a clear picture of your financial experience over the course of the past year and by careful analysis will show spending peaks peculiar to your household such as birthdays, school, Yule spending, etc. The first section is expressed in dollars with the average being a straight arithmetic average.

The second section shows the deviation from the average as expressed above, expressed in PERCENTAGE (not dollars). This is also a weighted average increasing 10% in importance each month to provide an accurate indicator of future spending direction. Again, a "-" indicates decreasing spending and is desirable.

A data tape from the preceding year is necessary to run this portion of the program. The COMMENTS SECTION available at the end of this portion should be used to note any factors that are known to have caused large fluctuations in any of the figures.

ANNUAL REPORT

As its name implies, it is intended to be run at the end of the year. It cannot be run unless "LATEST DATA AVAILABLE" is answered with "12,year." It will provide totals of the past and present years for each item and extrapolate for the coming year based upon past experience and inflation. The inflation factors are contained in line 2005 data statement. These can be changed as the economy changes by simply adding the inflation rate to 100 ($5\% = 1.05$). TREND shows the direction and rate of anticipated future change, expressed as a percentage, for each item. A "-" sign shows a decrease.

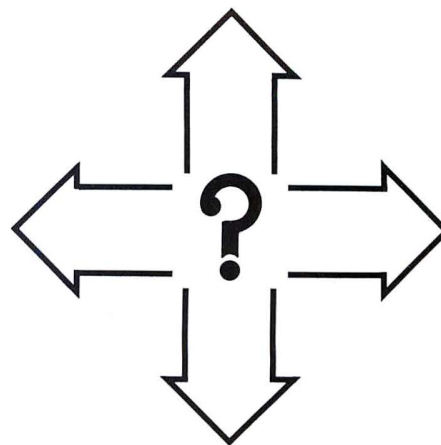
The BUDGET column shows the PERCENTAGE deposit dollars consumed by the particular item and what portion of your income will go to a particular item. These will not add up to 100% because of "missing" or unallocated monies, but they do show where your monies are concentrated. There will may be some surprises here and a concentrated effort to affect these percentages in the future can be an effective money management basis.

This program is separated from the rest and is complete in itself on a separate tape for several reasons. Namely, for 12K users, it does not fit with the rest of HFS II resident and must be used singly. Users with larger memory must add Line 1457 CLEAR: FOR X5 = 1 TO 15: READ Z, Z\$: NEXT X5 to access inflation percentages, then read in the ANNUAL REPORT TAPE over the other HFS I and HFS II tapes already resident in memory.

Secondly, since this program is only used once a year, it seems impractical to waste memory space. It is possible, however, to read in all three tapes preserving the remark statements if desired, and repunching a single tape which should run in 16K of memory.

CONCLUSION

This program is intended to be an aid in analyzing your financial habits and a basis for providing future corrections. Concentrate on the ITEM which displays the most unfavorable trend during the last MONTHLY REPORT. Attempt to reduce it to a negative factor in the current month. By focusing upon one particular area at a time, you will probably begin to notice minor faults in your financial management that are relatively easy to correct. This is in fact an "Information Feedback" approach, that will assist you in restraining or upgrading your dollar utilization skills. Biofeedback devices utilize this same principle of allowing the user to become aware of the effects of a particular act or tendency. In this context the subject is spending.



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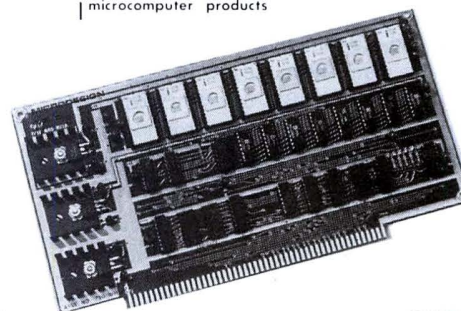
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Among many other uses, the program provides a basis for communication, exchange of ideas and intent among the members of the household. It provides documentation necessary at times to discuss a problem area and is very difficult to dispute or ignore.

Most importantly, you will find that understanding and application of the information provided by the program, coupled with some innovation, will teach you to gain and maintain control of your finances, rather than being a victim of them.

EXAMPLE: YEAR TO DATE REPORT

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RUN
WHAT IS LATEST DATA AVAILABLE (TYPE M,Y)? 5,77
DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR 1977 ? Y
MOUNT 1977 TAPE AND START TAPE HEADER
DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR 1976 ? Y
MOUNT 1976 TAPE AND START TAPE HEADER

WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)
1 - YEAR TO DATE
2 - PAST 12 MONTHS
3 - ANNUAL REPORT
4 - END PROGRAM
? 1
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YEAR TO DATE 1977

TOTALS

ITEM	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	AVG.
AUTO	96	126	126	128	234	142
BUSN	38	15	20	20	99	38
CASH	45	85	73	150	135	97
HOBY	30	23	49	1	14	23
EDUC	361	26	12	14	13	85
FOOD	170	203	214	207	231	205
HOUS	267	266	266	266	310	275
MED	5	14	18	0	24	12
PAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAV	50	50	50	50	50	50
UTIL	206	186	153	147	171	173
XTRA	152	101	67	166	137	125
EXP.	1423	1093	1053	1152	1422	1230
DEP.	1749	1095	1634	1125	1047	1330

TREND FOR 1977

% OF CHANGE FROM 1977 AVERAGE

ITEM	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	AVG.
AUTO	-33	-12	-11	-10	65	3
BUSN	2	-61	-43	-48	162	6
CASH	-54	-13	-25	54	39	4
HOBY	34	1	116	-95	-40	-1
EDUC	324	-70	-36	-33	-84	-14
FOOD	-17	-1	4	1	12	0
HOUS	-3	-4	-4	-4	12	-1
MED	-59	24	55	0	107	30
PAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAV	0	0	0	0	0	0
UTIL	19	7	-12	-15	-1	-2
XTRA	21	-20	-46	33	9	-1
EXP.	15	-11	-15	-7	15	-1
DEP.	31	-18	22	-16	-22	-3

CHANGE 1976 TO 1977

ITEM	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	AVG.
AUTO	-80	-13	-60	94	100	14
BUSN	100	-80	100	33	-99.7	5
CASH	-63	-30	-27	3	68	-5
HOBY	-90	-98	-48	-100	-85	-78
EDUC	100	15	-31	-48	-59	-11
FOOD	-34	-12	1	-33	21	-10
HOUS	2	2	2	2	18	5
MED	-59	100	-14	-100	100	6
PAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAV	-98	0	0	-50	-17	-29
UTIL	42	1	-24	-21	9	-1
XTRA	-41	-89	-74	27	-83	-48
EXP.	-64	-64	-32	-46	-20	-41
DEP.	51	1	65	0	-55	8

COMMENTS:
NONE AT THIS TIME

EXAMPLE: PRIOR 12 MONTHS REPORT

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WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)
1 - YEAR TO DATE
2 - PAST 12 MONTHS
3 - ANNUAL REPORT
4 - END PROGRAM
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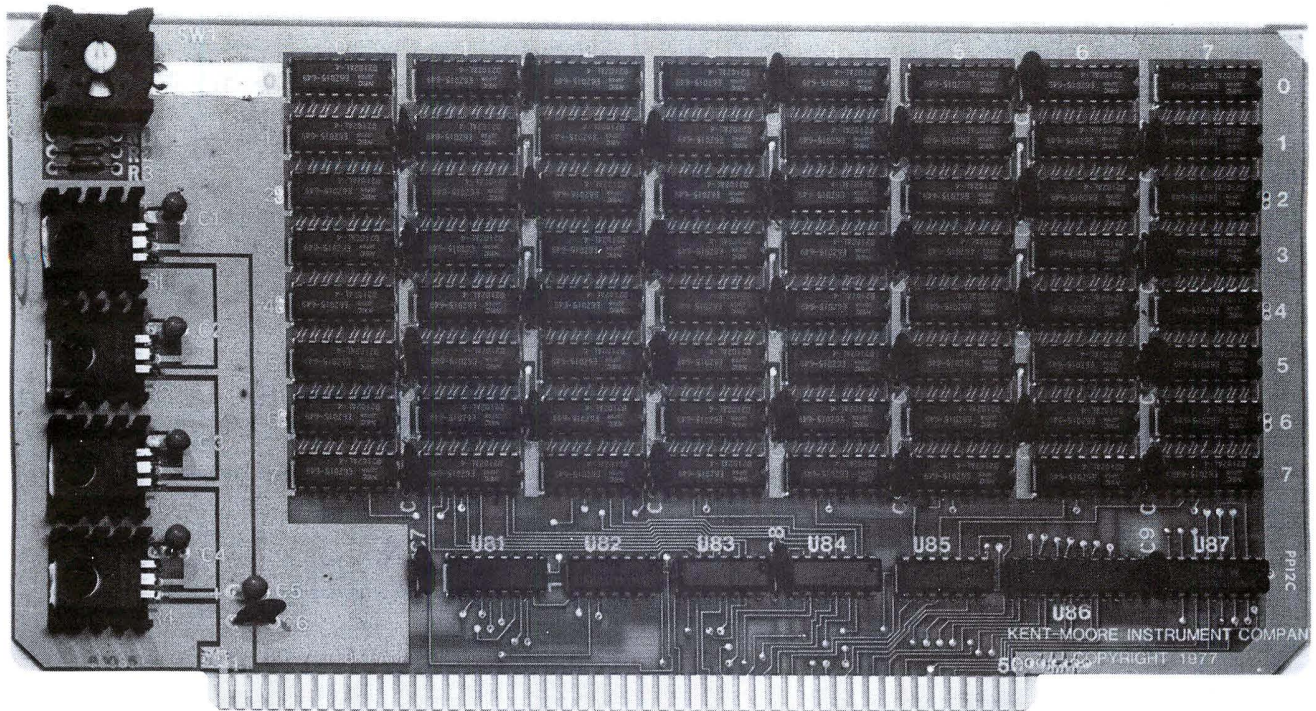
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ITEM	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	AVG.
AUTO	72	78	71	91	70	188	125	96	126	126	128	234	117
BUSN	14	129	4	27	4	79	11	38	15	20	20	99	38
CASH	85	70	155	60	75	110	100	45	85	73	150	135	95
HOBY	62	51	89	67	69	74	77	30	23	49	1	14	51
EDUC	17	15	205	0	37	12	17	361	26	12	14	13	61
FOOD	151	258	222	217	250	225	271	170	203	214	207	231	218
HOUS	271	260	261	260	260	267	266	267	266	266	266	310	268
MED	2	6	0	2	56	37	25	5	14	18	0	24	16
PAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAV	0	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	41
UTIL	106	94	90	95	82	102	125	206	186	153	147	171	130
XTRA	392	81	650	93	304	157	41	152	101	67	166	137	195
EXP.	1177	1046	1801	966	1261	1305	1111	1423	1098	1053	1152	1235	1125
DEP.	1139	1584	1086	1229	1182	1157	1183	1749	1095	1634	1268	1268	1268

TREND - PAST 12 MONTHS

% OF CHANGE FROM 1977 AVERAGE

ITEM	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	AVG.
AUTO	-38	-33	-40	-23	-41	60	6	-19	7	7	9	99	6
BUSN	-62	100	-88	-29	-88	100	-72	0	-62	-49	-49	100	-15
CASH	-11	-27	62	-38	-22	15	4	-53	-11	-24	57	41	2
HOBY	22	-1	75	32	35	46	52	-40	-55	-3	-98	-73	-9
EDUC	-73	-76	100	-100	-39	-80	-72	100	-57	-80	-77	-74	-46
FOOD	-31	18	1	-1	14	3	24	-23	-8	-3	-5	5	0
HOUS	1	-4	-3	-4	-4	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	15	0
MED	-82	-61	-100	-85	100	100	54	-70	-8	14	0	53	0
PAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAV	-100	-100	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	6
UTIL	-18	-28	-31	-27	-37	-22	-4	58	43	18	13	31	5
XTRA	100	-59	100	-53	55	-20	-79	-23	-49	-66	-15	-30	-18
EXP.	-5	-16	45	-22	2	5	-10	15	-12	-15	-7	15	-1
DEP.	-11	24	-15	-4	-7	-9	-7	38	-14	28	-12	-18	-1

COMMENTS:
NONE AT THIS TIME

WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)

- 1 - YEAR TO DATE
- 2 - PAST 12 MONTHS
- 3 - ANNUAL REPORT
- 4 - END PROGRAM

OK

EXAMPLE: PII-ANNUAL REPORT

RUN
WHAT IS LATEST DATA AVAILABLE (TYPE M,Y)? 12,77
DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR 1977 ? Y
MOUNT 1977 TAPE AND START TAPE READER
DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR 1976 ? Y
MOUNT 1976 TAPE AND START TAPE READER

WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)

- 1 - YEAR TO DATE
- 2 - PAST 12 MONTHS
- 3 - ANNUAL REPORT
- 4 - END PROGRAM

WHAT IS STARTING BALANCE ON JAN 1, 1977 ? 433

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

ITEM	1976	1977	1978	TREND	BUDGET
AUTO	1787	712	303	-61	10
BUSN	375	193	99	-49	2
CASH	1220	488	215	-60	7
HOBY	2897	119	5	-96	1
EDUC	413	428	456	3	6
FOOD	2794	1027	423	-64	15
HOUS	3153	1377	632	-57	20
MED	203	63	21	-69	0
PAY	0	0	0	-100	0
SAV	2460	250	26	-90	3
UTIL	1568	865	549	-45	13
XTRA	4045	625	106	-85	9
EXP.	20920	6150	2079	-71	
DEP.	15229	6652	4939	-57	

ASSETS ACCRUED THIS YEAR 7085.12

MONIES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR 501

DEPOSITS 6652.12
START BALANCE 433
SAVINGS 250

ASSETS 7335.12

KNOWN SPENT 6150.34

REMAINING ? 1184

WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)

- 1 - YEAR TO DATE
- 2 - PAST 12 MONTHS
- 3 - ANNUAL REPORT
- 4 - END PROGRAM

OK

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE SYSTEM II PROGRAM

LIST

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1 REM      ** HOUSEHOLD FINANCE SYSTEM II **
2 REM      BY FRANCIS ASCOLILLO
10 GOTO1004
299 REM  HEADER MONTH LINE
300 PRINT"ITEM";TAB(6);:FORX=1TOM1
305 GOSUB1930
307 PRINTSPC(2);:NEXTM:PRINTB$:RETURN
310 PRINT"JAN":RETURN
311 PRINT"FEB":RETURN
312 PRINT"MAR":RETURN
313 PRINT"APR":RETURN
314 PRINT"MAY":RETURN
315 PRINT"JUN":RETURN
316 PRINT"JUL":RETURN
317 PRINT"AUG":RETURN
318 PRINT"SEP":RETURN
319 PRINT"OCT":RETURN
320 PRINT"NOV":RETURN
321 PRINT"DEC":RETURN
595 REM  **READ TAPE
596 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17)
597 IFIA=<A5THEN596
598 IFIA=>58THENRETURN
599 M=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA<>32THENM=10+(IA-48)
601 FORJ=A8TOA7:V=0:V1=0
604 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17)
605 IFIA<46THEN604
606 D7=1:IFIA=46THEN630
607 D(17)=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA=46THEN630
608 IFIA>45THEND7=D7+1:GOTO607
609 M$=""$FORX=1TOD7:M$=M$+STR$(D(X)):NEXTX
610 C(M,J)=V+VAL(M$):NEXTJ:GOTO596
630 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):V=0:V1=0:IFIA=32THEN609
632 V1=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA=32THENV=V1/10:GOTO609
636 V=(V1/10)+(IA-48)/100:GOTO609
967 REM  **PRINT TEAR LINE
968 FORTL=1T071:PRINT"-";:NEXTTL:RETURN
970 REM  LINE TITLE
971 PRINT"AUTO":RETURN
972 PRINT"BUSN":RETURN
973 PRINT"CASH":RETURN
974 PRINT"HOBY":RETURN
975 PRINT"EDUC":RETURN
976 PRINT"FOOD":RETURN
977 PRINT"HOUS":RETURN
978 PRINT"MED":RETURN
979 PRINT"PAY":RETURN
980 PRINT"SAV":RETURN
981 PRINT"UTIL":RETURN
982 PRINT"XTRA":RETURN
983 PRINT"EXP.":RETURN
984 PRINT"DEP.":RETURN
985 PRINT"LOST":RETURN
989 REM  **ERROR MESSAGE
990 PRINT"INSUFFICIENT DATA TO PROCESS":RETURN
995 PRINT"NEED DATA FOR":RETURN
1000 REM  ** H.F.S. II **
1004 DIKC(12,15),C1(12,15),D(15),F(15):GOTO1010
1005 INFUT"DO YOU WANT FINANCIAL REPORT"?1Q5
1006 IFLEFT$(Q5,1)="N"THENEND
1010 INPUT"WHAT IS LATEST DATA AVAILABLE (TYPE M,Y)";M1,Y1
1011 A5=48:A7=15:A8=1:IFY1<1900THENY1=Y1+1900
1012 IFY1<1900THENY1=Y1+1900
1013 REM  **CHECK FOR DATA AVAILABLE
1015 T=0:FORJ=1T012:T=T+C(M1,J):NEXTJ:IFT>0THEN1025
1017 REM  **NEED DATA, GET TAPE
1020 Y2=Y1:GOSUB1900:IFCX=1THENGOSUB990:GOTO1010
1023 REM  **TRANSFER MAT 1 TO MAT 2
1025 FORK=1T012:FORJ=1T015:C1(K,J)=C(K,J):NEXTJ:NEXTK
1028 Y2=Y1-1:GOSUB1900:PRINT
1030 PRINT"WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)"
1031 PRINT"1 - YEAR TO DATE"
1032 PRINT"2 - PAST 12 MONTHS"
1033 PRINT"3 - ANNUAL REPORT"
1034 PRINT"4 - END PROGRAM"
1035 INPUTQ:ONGOTO1040,1205,1400,1600
1037 REM  **YEAR TO DATE
1040 PRINT:GOSUB968:PRINT:PRINT
1045 PRINTTAB(22);"YEAR TO DATE";Y1:PRINT:PRINTTAB(29);"TOTALS"
1053 REM  **PRINT HEADER
1055 PRINT:PRINTB$="AVG.":GOSUB300:PRINT:FORL=1T014
1060 GOSUB1940
1065 TB=5:PRINTTAB(TB);:LT=0:FORM=1TOM1:TB=TB+5:LT=LT+C1(M,L1)
1070 PRINTINT(C1(M,L1));TAB(TB);:NEXTM:D(L1)=INT(LT/M1):PRINTD(L1)
1071 NEXTL

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1079 REM YTD DEVIATION
1080 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(25);"TREND FOR";Y1:PRINT:PRINT
1082 PRINT"% OF CHANGE FROM";Y1;"AVERAGE";PRINT:PRINT
1085 PRINT:B5;"AVG.";GOSUB300:PRINT:FORL1=1TO14
1090 GOSUB1940
1095 TB=5:PRINTTAB(TB);:FM=1:FT=0:FORM=1TOM1:GOSUB1920
1115 X=INT(X);TB=TB+5:F(L1)=F(L1)+(X*FM):FT=FT+FM:FM=FM+.1
1120 PRINTX;TAB(TB);:NEXTM:PRINTINT(F(L1)/FT);NEXTL1
1130 REM ** YTD YEAR TO YEAR
1135 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(25);"CHANGE";Y1-1;"TO";Y1:PRINT:PRINT
1140 IFQX=1THEN GOSUB990:GOSUB995:PRINTY1-1:GOSUB968:GOTO1030
1145 PRINT:B5;"AVG.";GOSUB300:PRINT:FORL1=1TO14
1150 GOSUB1940
1155 TB=5:PRINTTAB(TB);:D(L1)=0:FM=1:FT=0:FORM=1TOM1
1160 IF(C(M,L1)=0)THENX=0-C(M,L1):GOTO1170
1165 X=INT(((C(M,L1)/C(M,L1))*100)-100):GOSUB1945
1170 TB=TB+5:PRINTX;TAB(TB);:D(L1)=D(L1)+(X*FM):FM=FM+.1:FT=FT+FM
1173 NEXTM:PRINTINT(D(L1)/FT)
1175 NEXTL1:GOTO1950
1180 FORA=1TO72:WAIT16,1:I=INP(17):I5=CHR$(I):IA=I-128
1185 IFIA=32AND A=>60THENPRINT:GOTO1180
1190 IFIA=42THENPRINT:PRINT:PRINT:GOTO1195
1192 PRINTI5:NEXTA
1195 GOSUB968:PRINT:GOTO1030
1200 REM PRIOR 12 MONTHS
1205 IFQX=1THEN GOSUB990:GOSUB995:PRINTY1-1:GOTO1028
1215 GOSUB968:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:M3=X+1
1220 PRINTTAB(20);"PERIOD FROM ";M=M+3:GOSUB1930:PRINTY1-1;"TO ";
1225 M=M+1:GOSUB1930:PRINTY1:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
1230 PRINTTAB(5);Y1-1;TAB(13-X+1)*5);Y1:PRINT:GOSUB1925
1235 FORL1=1TO14:GOSUB1940:TB=5:PRINTTAB(TB);:D(L1)=0
1240 FORM=M3TO12:TB=TB+5:D(L1)=D(L1)+C(M,L1):GOSUB1942:NEXTM
1245 FORM=1TOM1:TB=TB+5:D(L1)=D(L1)+C(M,L1):GOSUB1944:NEXTM
1250 D(L1)=D(L1)/12:PRINTINT(D(L1));NEXTL1:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
1252 REM ** PRIOR 12 MONTHS PART 2
1255 PRINTTAB(23);"TREND - PAST 12 MONTHS":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
1260 PRINT"% OF CHANGE FROM";Y1;"AVERAGE";PRINT:PRINT
1265 GOSUB1925:PRINT:FORL1=1TO14:GOSUB1940:TB=5:PRINTTAB(TB);
1270 F(L1)=0:FM=1:FT=0:FORM=M3TO12:GOSUB1923:GOSUB1980:NEXTM
1280 FORM=1TOM1:GOSUB1920:GOSUB1930:NEXTM
1285 PRINTINT(F(L1)/FT);NEXTL1
1300 GOTO1950
1400 GOTO1030
1600 END
1900 PRINT"DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR";Y2:INPUTQ5
1910 QX=0:IFLEFT$(Q5,1)="N"THENQX=1:RETURN
1912 PRINT"MOUNT";Y2;"TAPE AND START TAPE READER":GOSUB596:RETURN
1919 REM CALC %
1920 IFD(L1)=0THENX=0-C(M,L1):RETURN
1921 IF(C(M,L1)=0)THENX=0:RETURN
1922 X=((C(M,L1)/D(L1))*100)-100:RETURN
1923 IFD(L1)=0THENX=0-C(M,L1):RETURN
1924 X=((C(M,L1)/D(L1))*100)-100:RETURN
1925 B5="AVG.":PRINT"ITEM";TAB(6);FORM=M3TO12:GOSUB1930:PRINTSPC(2);
1926 NEXTM
1927 FORM=1TOM1:GOSUB1930:PRINTSPC(2);NEXTM:PRINTB5:RETURN
1930 ONMGOSUB310,311,312,313,314,315,316,317,318,319,320,321,322
1931 RETURN
1940 ONL1GOSUB971,972,973,974,975,976,977,978,979,980,981,982,983,984
1941 RETURN
1942 PRINTINT(C(M,L1));TAB(TB);:RETURN
1944 PRINTINT(C(M,L1));TAB(TB);:RETURN
1945 IFX>100THENX=100:RETURN
1947 IFX<-100THENX=-100:RETURN
1948 RETURN
1950 PRINT:PRINT"COMMENTS:"
1955 FORA=1TO72:WAIT16,1:I=INP(17):I5=CHR$(I):IA=I-128
1960 IFIA=32AND A=>60THENPRINT:GOTO1955
1965 IFIA=42THENPRINT:PRINT:PRINT:GOTO1975
1970 PRINTI5:NEXTA
1975 GOSUB968:PRINT:GOTO1030
1980 GOSUB1945:IF(L1)=F(L1)+(X*FM):FT=FT+FM:FM=FM+.1
1985 TB=TB+5:PRINTINT(X);TAB(TB);:RETURN
OK

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ANNUAL REPORT PROGRAM

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L1
LIST
10 GOTO1004
194 RETURN
596 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17)
597 IFIA=<45THEN596
598 IFIA=>58THEN596
599 M=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA>52THENM=10-(IA-48)
601 FORJ=A8TOA7:V=0:V1=0
604 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17)
605 IFIA<46THEN604
606 D7=1:IFIA=46THEN630
607 D(D7)=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA=46THEN630
608 IFIA>45THEND7=D7+1:GOTO607
609 M5="":FORX=1TOD7:M5=M5+STR$(D(X)):NEXTX
610 C(M,J)=V+VAL(M5):NEXTJ:GOTO596
630 WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):V=0:V1=0:IFIA=32THEN609
632 V1=IA-48:WAIT16,1:IA=INP(17):IFIA=32THENV=V1/10:GOTO609
636 V=(V1/10)+(IA-48)/100:GOTO609
637 FORL1=1TO71:PRINT" ";NEXTL1:RETURN
671 PRINT"AUTO":RETURN
672 PRINT"BUSN":RETURN
673 PRINT"CASH":RETURN
674 PRINT"MOBY":RETURN
675 PRINT"EDUC":RETURN
676 PRINT"FOOD":RETURN
677 PRINT"HOUS":RETURN
678 PRINT"MED":RETURN
679 PRINT"PAY":RETURN
680 PRINT"SAV":RETURN
681 PRINT"UTIL":RETURN
682 PRINT"XTRA":RETURN
683 PRINT"EXP.":RETURN
684 PRINT"DEP.":RETURN
685 PRINT"LOST":RETURN
690 PRINT"INSUFFICIENT DATA TO PROCESS":RETURN
695 PRINT" NEED DATA FOR":RETURN
1004 DIMC(12,15),C1(12,15),D(15),F(15):GOTO1010
1010 INPUT"WHAT IS LATEST DATA AVAILABLE (TYPE M,Y)";X1,Y1
1011 A5=A8+A7=15:A8=1:IFY1<1900THENY1=Y1+1900
1012 IFY1<1900THENY1=Y1+1900
1015 T=0:FORL1=1TO12:T=T+C(M,J):NEXTJ:IFT>0THEN1025
1020 Y2=Y1:GOSUB1900:IFCX=1THEN GOSUB990:GOTO1010
1025 FORK=1TO12:FORJ=1TO15:C1(K,J)=C(K,J):NEXTJ:NEXTK

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1028 Y2=Y1-1:GOSUB1900:PRINT
1030 PRINT"WHAT KIND OF REPORT DO YOU WANT (TYPE #)"
1031 PRINT"1 - YEAR TO DATE"
1032 PRINT"2 - PAST 12 MONTHS"
1033 PRINT"3 - ANNUAL REPORT"
1034 PRINT"4 - END PROGRAM"
1035 INPUTQ:ONOGOTO1040,1205,1400,1600
1399 REM ** ANNUAL REPORT
1400 IFM1<12THEN1010
1410 PRINT"WHAT IS STARTING BALANCE ON JAN 1,";Y1;:INFUTB1
1415 PRINT:GOSUB968:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
1420 PRINTTAB(25);"ANNUAL REPORT";Y1:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
1425 PRINT"ITEM";TAB(10);Y1-1;TAB(20);Y1;TAB(30);Y1+1;TAB(40);
1430 PRINT"TREND";TAB(50);"BUDGET"
1435 PRINT:FORL1=1TO14:GOSUB1940:D(L1)=0:TB=10:PRINTTAB(TB);
1436 TB=TB+10
1440 FORM=1TO12:D(L1)=D(L1)+C(M,L1):NEXTM:PRINTINT(D(L1));TAB(TB);
1450 F(L1)=0:FORM=1TO12:F(L1)=F(L1)+C(M,L1):NEXTM:TB=TB+10
1452 IFD(L1)=0THEND(L1)=1
1455 PRINTINT(F(L1));TAB(TB);:X=((F(L1)/D(L1))*100)-100:GOSUB1945
1460 READY:TB=TB+10:PRINTINT((X/100)+1)*F(L1)*Y);TAB(TB);:INT(X);
1465 GOSUB1490:TB=TB+10
1466 IFL1<13THENPRINTTAB(TB);INT((F(L1)/FT)*100)
1467 PRINT:NEXTL1
1468 LT=0:FORM=1TO12:LT=LT+C(M,14):NEXTM:PRINT
1470 PRINT:PRINT"ASSETS ACCRUED THIS YEAR";TAB(30);B1+LT:PRINT
1472 FM=0:FORM=1TO12:FM=FM+C(M,13):NEXTM
1474 IF(LT-FM)<0THENPRINT"DEBT INCURRED";TAB(30);L1-FM:GOTO1478
1476 PRINT"MONIES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR";TAB(30);INT(LT-FM):PRINT
1478 FT=0:FORM=1TO12:FT=FT+C(M,10):NEXTM:PRINT:PRINT
1480 PRINT "DEPOSITS";TAB(20);LT:PRINT"START BALANCE";TAB(20);B1
1482 PRINT"SAVINGS";TAB(20);FT:PRINTTAB(21);"-----"
1484 PRINT "ASSETS";TAB(20);LT+B1+FT:PRINT
1486 PRINT"KNOWN SPENT";TAB(20);FM:PRINTTAB(21);"-----"
1488 PRINT "REMAINING ?";TAB(20);INT(LT+B1+FT-FM)
1489 FORJ=1TO10:PRINT:NEXTJ:GOSUB968:PRINT:GOTO1030
1490 FT=0:FORJ=1TO12:FT=FT+C(J,14):NEXTJ:RETURN
1600 END
1900 PRINT"DO YOU HAVE A TAPE FOR";Y2:INPUTQ5
1910 QX=0:IFLEFT$(Q5,1)="N"THENQX=1:RETURN
1912 PRINT"MOUNT";Y2;"TAPE AND START TAPE READER":GOSUB596:RETURN
1940 ONL1GOSUB971,972,973,974,975,976,977,978,979,980,981,982,983,984
1941 RETURN
1945 IFX>100THENX=100:RETURN
1947 IFX<-100THENX=-100:RETURN
1948 RETURN
1985 TB=TB+5:PRINTINT(X);TAB(TB);:RETURN
2005 DATA1.07,1.1,1.1,1.08,1.03,1.12,1.05,1.09,1.1,1.05,1.15,1.1,1.15,1.7
OK

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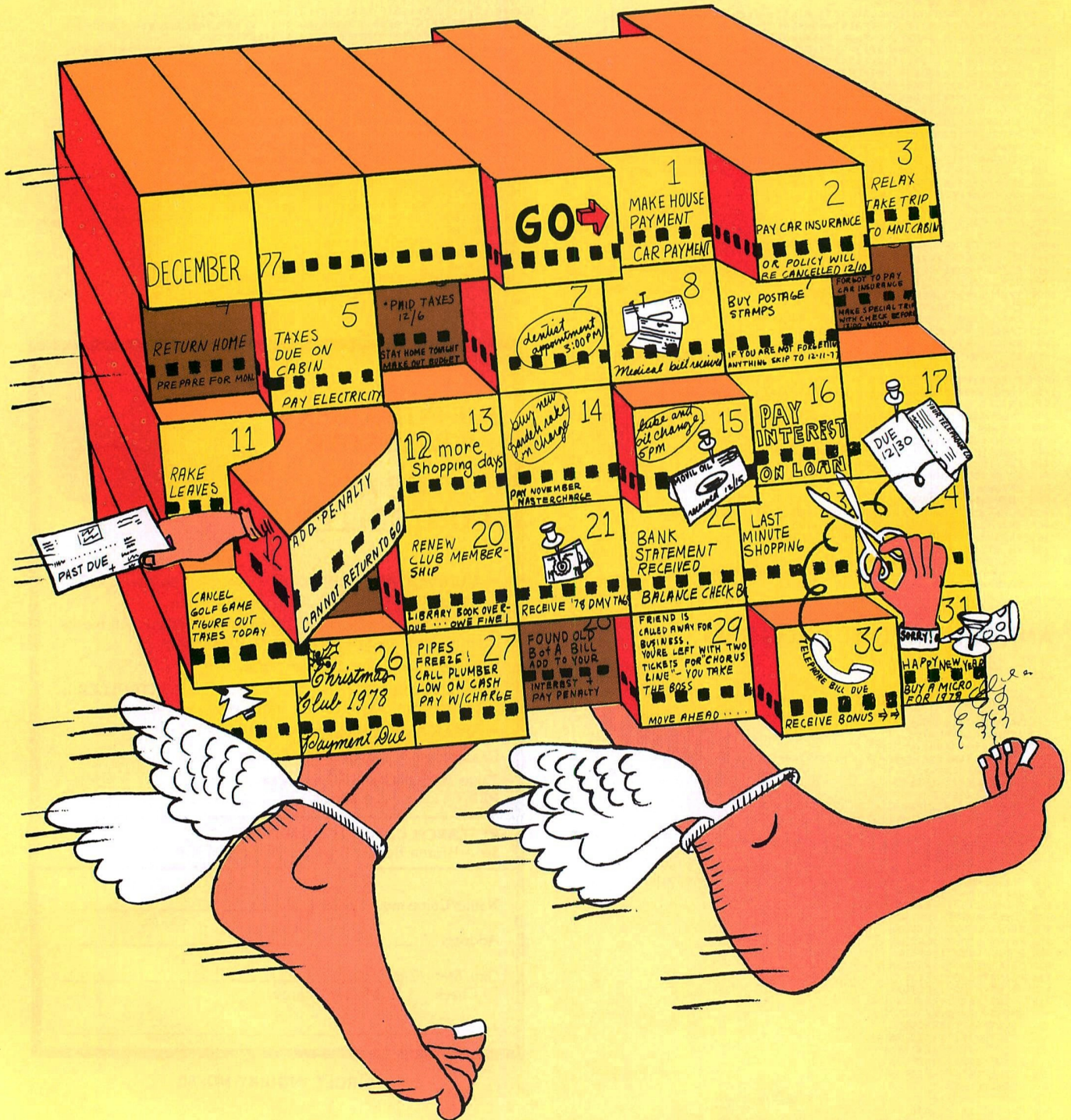
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CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 50

Personal Accounts Payable Program

By Kevin Redden*



In January of 1977, I received a notice of a bill that was past due from a credit card company whose card I held. I had apparently misplaced or overlooked the bill during the previous month, and now in addition to having an account in arrears, I had been assessed with an interest penalty. After getting over my annoyance at having let this happen, I decided to make some practical use of the microcomputer system that had been acting as a money sink for the past twelve months, and was also occupying an inordinate amount of real estate in the den. The result of the ensuing labors was the personal accounts payable program described in this article.

The program keeps track of bills received, payments made on those bills, and of such pertinent data as when the bill was received, when it was due to be paid, when it was actually paid, how much interest was added that month, the minimum payment due, the total amount due, and the amount actually paid. Reports available include listings of the status of all accounts, the status of only current accounts (those with bills outstanding), the history of all accounts and the history of selected accounts. The personal accounts payable program was written in TDL 8K BASIC, but with slight modification will run with any BASIC that provides string manipulation (left\$, right\$, and mid\$ functions). A minimum of 24K of memory is required, 8K for the BASIC interpreter, 13K for the program code, and a minimum of 3K for the file storage.

Running the program consists of loading the program into the machine and typing the run command. The program starts by asking for the current date, after which the menu screen is displayed.

While the program may be run satisfactorily on a teletype, it was written to run on a CRT, and as such provides for various 'screens', i.e. complete pictures of data such as the opening menu screen. This screen is a listing of all functions available to the user and is shown in Figure 1. From this point, the user can select any of the available options. Any response other than the allowed options will cause the menu screen to be repeated.

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KR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM                                DATE: 10/27/77

ALLOWABLE OPTIONS ARE:

L=LIST ACCOUNTS          LC=LIST CURRENT ACCOUNT
W=WRITE TAPE             R=READ TAPE
E=ENTER UPDATE           D=DELETE RECORD
S=SORT ON DUE DATE       SN=SORT BY ACC.#
PA=PRINT HISTORY OF      PS=PRINT HISTORY OF
  ALL ACCOUNTS           SELECTED ACCOUNT
P=PAY BILL               DO=DOODLE ON CRT

ENTER OPTION?
  
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The data file for the program is stored as a sequential ASCII file on cassette or disc between program runs, but is loaded totally into core during execution. While this demands a larger memory than would a random access disc type file, it greatly increases execution speed, allowing the use of the program on non-disc systems. At one time I kept the data file on paper tape. The requirement for a large amount of memory can be alleviated by periodically purging old records to keep the file size within reason.

The file consists of one 'current account record' and one or more 'history records' for each account. The data in each record are in ASCII, and the layouts of these two types of records is shown in Figure 2.

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECORD:

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BYTE 1 = "." (PERIOD) - DENOTES START OF RECORD
BYTE 2-3 = ACCOUNT NUMBER
BYTE 4-8 = DATE BILL ENTERED (MMDDYY)
BYTE 9-13 = BILL DUE DATE (MMDDYY)
BYTE 14-19 = MINIMUM PAYMENT DUE
BYTE 20-26 = TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
BYTE 27-31 = INTEREST INCURRED
BYTE 32-51 = ACCOUNT NAME
BYTE 52-53 = CARRIAGE RETURN/LINE FEED (END OF RECORD)
  
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HISTORY RECORD FORMAT:

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BYTE 1 = "I" - DENOTES START OF RECORD
BYTE 2-3 = ACCOUNT NUMBER
BYTE 4-8 = DATE BILL ENTERED
BYTE 9-13 = DATE BILL DUE
BYTE 14-18 = DATE BILL PAID
BYTE 19-24 = PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE
BYTE 25-31 = TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
BYTE 32-37 = AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID
BYTE 38-42 = INTEREST INCURRED
BYTE 43-44 = CARRIAGE RETURN/LINE FEED (END OF RECORD)
  
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When first starting the program, the next operation after entering the date is normally reading the old file. Since most 8K BASICs do not allow a file (tape or disc) read capability, this is the one area where some careful programming tricks are required. The file read is accomplished by calling a subroutine that uses the poke command to change the address in the BASIC interpreter that calls the console input routine and inserts the address of the assembly language driver that inputs from the read device: tape reader, cassette player, or disc drive. The interpreter then thinks that the file read device is the console device and 'input' statements can be used to read the ASCII records. When the end-of-file record is read, the process is reversed and the original I/O vectors are restored, thereby returning control to the console. The same process is used for writing the file at the end of a session, with the only difference being that the console *out* routine is changed to point to the file write driver. While this may be difficult to set up (finding the right addresses to change is the major problem), once it is done, the rest of the program is quite straight forward.

Entering and paying of bills is fairly simple, as can be seen from the examples in Figure 3. The program prompts the user for all entries, and displays the entered data back for confirmation before actually entering the update into the file. A few extra features are performed when entering data that are not at first apparent in the listing. Any time a date is requested, if only a space is entered instead of the date, the program inserts the current date. This is useful to prevent entering the current date for date received when entering a new bill into the system. When entering a bill and the 'payment due' is



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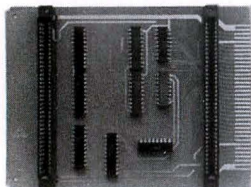
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equal to the 'total amount due' on the account, entering a space for the payment due amount causes the program to use the total amount for both values.

Figure 3. Entering a new bill.

The last option on the menu was added as an afterthought to keep the menu screen symmetrical! All the routine does is to use a random number generator to draw a pattern on the ADM-3A CRT screen. While it can be fascinating to see, it is also totally impractical!

To modify the program to run in BASICs other than TDL's 8K version, the following hints should be useful:

1. Change the 'LPRINT' statements to 'PRINT'.
2. Modify the file Read & Write routines to patch the correct addresses to the right values.
3. 1K of memory can be saved by deleting all 'REM' statements.
4. Additional memory can be saved by deleting the 'Doodle' routine, and the 'Sort by Account Number' routine. The latter is not used as much as the sort by due date, and can be omitted if in a pinch for memory.
5. Always devote as much free memory as possible to string space by changing the value in Line 600. This will allow larger data files to be accommodated, and will also speed execution by requiring fewer passes of the 'garbage collector' in the interpreter that retrieves used string space. This is especially true in speeding up sorts.
6. While sorting, the front panel lights are used to display the ASCII character of the current account record being examined. Since sorts can take from ten seconds to over a minute depending on file size, this feature lets an impatient user (like me) know that the CPU is still running while the sort is in progress. Deleting this can save a few more bytes of memory if needed.
7. Some BASICs cannot take a 'VAL' of a string with more than one blank, or of a null string. If yours is one of these, you will have to implement a sub-routine to handle this.
8. While TDL and MITS BASICs format the results of a 'STR\$' function with a leading blank, BASIC-E puts the blank after the string. The following function was written by Bruce Ratoff of the A.C.G.N.J. when he put the program up on BASIC-E.

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DEF FNSS(X) = LEFT$(LEFT$(" ",(X)=0)) + STR$(X),LEN(STR$(ABS(X)))
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This function will convert a given string to the proper format for it to be used correctly.

9. When using a cassette tape that cannot be stopped between records, a series of *nulls* must be inserted between each record in order to allow the BASIC interpreter to 'digest' each record as it is read in. If the next record were to begin being

played back before the next input statement were executed, that record would be lost. The routine at Line 4750 handles this, and should be set to punch enough fill characters for the file device in use.

10. In order to accommodate the use of hard copy devices as well as a CRT, the two listing commands check switch 0 on the IMSAI front panel. If the switch is down (0), the listing proceeds normally. If, however, the switch is up (1), the listing will be paginated, i.e., the listing will be broken into 11.5-inch pages (on an ASR-33), and lines will be printed at the top and bottom of the page for easy cutting of the forms.

11. When entering bills into the system, if the user answers the 'Account Number' question with a blank instead of a number, the program will assign a default number by taking the first unused number over 30. This is useful for one of a kind bills that will be deleted after they are paid; for example, a magazine subscription bill that only comes once a year.

The system has now been in use for over ten months, first as a cassette tape-based version, and later it was adapted to run on my ICOM discs. The program has proved to be a very valuable tool for household bookkeeping, and helps in controlling the personal budget. A side benefit that has resulted from using this type of automatic record keeping, is that the reports list the amount of interest being charged on each account. It quickly becomes apparent that certain accounts should be paid off before others. When one company charges 1.2% per month while another charges 1.5% per month, paying off the second as soon as possible can save money over the course of a year.

The program was recently entered in the software contest of the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey (ACGNJ) where it won first place. Since several people began asking for copies for their own use, I decided to write this article to acquaint others with it. I hope you will find it as useful as I have.

KR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM			ACCOUNT LISTING ON 11/01/77	
LAST FILE UPDATE WRITTEN ON 11/09/77				
DATE DUE	PAYMENT	TOTAL	ACCOUNT	LAST PAYMENT
11/02/77	59.30	59.30	2 N.J. BELL TELEPHONE	48.24 ON 10/22/77
11/10/77	96.48	96.48	35 CAR INSURANCE	
11/15/77	32.00	365.47	7 MANUFAC. HANOVER	400.00 ON 10/11/77
11/15/77	5.00	119.46	14 VISA	
11/16/77	17.13	17.13	3 PSE&G CO.	18.76 ON 10/09/77
11/16/77	98.45	98.45	12 AMERICAN EXPRESS	97.08 ON 10/09/77
11/25/77	4.50	4.50	9 N.Y. TIMES	4.50 ON 10/22/77
11/27/77	20.00	152.82	5 EXXON OIL CO.	200.00 ON 10/22/77
12/31/77	48.00	48.00	36 I.E.E.E.	
380.46		961.61		

Figure 4. Current Account Listing

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100 REM *
150 REM *
200 REM *
250 REM *   ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM
300 REM *   K. REDDEN JAN '77
350 REM *
400 REM *   VERSION 2.1  10/27/77
450 REM *
500 REM *
550 REM *
600 CLEAR 3000:REM GIVE AS MUCH STRING SPACE AS POSSIBLE
650 DIM A$(50): DIM S$(99)
700 S$=""
750 AN=0: SN=0
800 GOSUB 18700
850 K$="KR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM"
900 PRINT K$: PRINT: PRINT "TODAYS DATE IS ": GOSUB 20650: D$=DAS
950 PRINT: GOSUB 18700
1000 DAS=D$S: GOSUB 18900: D1$=DAS
1050 PRINT K$: TAB(45): "DATE: "JDI$: PRINT
1100 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"ALLOWABLE OPTIONS ARE:"PRINT
1150 PRINT"      L=LIST ACCOUNTS      LC=LIST CURRENT ACCOUNT"
1200 PRINT"      W=WRITE TAPE           R=READ TAPE"
1250 PRINT"      E=ENTER UPDATE         D=DELETE RECORD"
1300 PRINT"      S=SORT ON DUE DATE       SN=SORT BY ACC.#"

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1350 PRINT"
1400 PRINT"      ALL ACCOUNTS      SELECTED ACCOUNT"
1450 PRINT"      P=PAY BILL          DO=DOODLE ON CRT"
1500 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"ENTER OPTION":J0$
1550 IF LEN(O$)<1 THEN 1800 ELSE O1$=LEFT$(O$,1): O2$=MID$(O$,2,1)
1600 IF ASC(O1$)>96 THEN O1$=CHR$(ASC(O1$) AND 223):REM CVT TO UPPER CAB
1650 IF LEN(O$)<2 THEN 1750
1700 IF ASC(O2$)>96 THEN O2$=CHR$(ASC(O2$) AND 223)
1750 O$=O1$+O2$
1800 IF O$="E" GOTO 6900
1850 IF O$="R" THEN 2450
1900 IF O$="W" THEN 4050
1950 IF O$="L" THEN LC=0: GOTO 4850
2000 IF O$="LC" THEN LC=1:GOTO 4850
2050 IF O$="P" THEN 9900
2100 IF O$="D" THEN 11400
2150 IF O$="SN" THEN 16300
2200 IF O$="S" THEN 15150
2250 IF O$="PS" THEN 12550
2300 IF O$="PA" THEN 14650
2350 IF O$="DO" THEN GOTO 22410
2400 GOTO 950
2450 REM
2500 REM *****
2550 REM - THIS IS THE FILE READ SECTION *****
2600 REM *****
2650 REM
2700 GOSUB 21200:REM SET UP READER I/O VECTOR
2750 SWITCH
2800 NULL 0
2850 FOR I=1 TO 99
2900 INPUT S$(I)
2950 IF LEFT$(S$(I),1)<>"E" THEN NEXT
3000 REM NOW DECODE FILE ENDER
3050 A$(0)=MID$(S$(I),4,3): S$(0)=MID$(S$(I),7,3): L$=MID$(S$(I),10,8)
3100 SN=1
3150 SWITCH
3200 GOSUB 21600
3250 REM DO RECORDS READ IN = RECORDS LISTED IN ENDER?
3300 IF SN=VAL(S$(0)) + VAL(A$(0)) THEN 3550
3350 PRINT:PRINT"ERROR ON FILE READ."
3400 PRINT"FILE OF "JL$:" HAD "IVAL(S$(0))+VAL(A$(0))" RECORDS."
3450 PRINT"ONLY "JAN+SN:" RECORDS READ IN.": GOTO 1500
3500 REM
3550 PRINT:PRINT"FILE OF "JL$:" READ OK."
3600 AN=VAL(A$(0)): SN=SN-AN
3650 FOR I=1 TO AN: A$(I)=S$(I): NEXT
3700 FOR I=1 TO SN: S$(I)=S$(I+AN): S$(I+AN)="" : NEXT: S$(I+AN)=""
3750 FOR I=1 TO 50
3800 IF LEFT$(A$(I),1)<>"." THEN A$(I)=MID$(A$(I),2,LEN(A$(I))-1)
3850 NEXT
3900 GOTO 1500
3950 REM
4000 REM *****
4050 REM - THIS IS THE FILE WRITE SECTION *****
4100 REM *****
4150 REM
4200 GOSUB 21850
4250 SWITCH
4300 GOSUB 4750
4350 IF AN>0 THEN FOR I=1 TO AN: GOSUB 4750: PRINT A$(I): NEXT
4400 IF SN>0 THEN FOR I=1 TO SN: GOSUB 4750: PRINT S$(I): NEXT
4450 GOSUB 4750: PRINT "END"
4500 PRINT RIGHT$(S$+STR$(AN),3)+RIGHT$(S$+STR$(SN),3)+D1$
4550 GOSUB 4750
4600 GOSUB 22300
4650 SWITCH
4700 GOTO 1500
4750 REM THIS ROUTINE PUNCHES NULLS
4800 FOR I=1 TO K: PRINT CHR$(0):NEXT: RETURN
4850 REM
4900 REM *****
4950 REM - THIS IS THE FILE LIST SECTION *****
5000 REM *****
5050 REM
5100 E=0: E1=0
5150 IF AN=0 THEN PRINT:PRINT"NO ACCOUNTS ON FILE.":PRINT:GOTO 1500
5200 LPRINT
5250 IF (INP(255) AND 1)=0 THEN 5400
5300 LPRINT TAB(15):FOR I=1 TO 42:LPRINT"-":NEXT:LPRINT:LPRINT
5350 N2=1
5400 LPRINT: LPRINT:GOSUB 18700
5450 LPRINT K$: TAB(44):"ACCOUNT LISTING ON "JDI$
5500 LPRINT"LAST FILE UPDATE WRITTEN ON "JL$: LPRINT: LPRINT
5550 LPRINT: LPRINT"DATE DUE PAYMENT TOTAL "
5600 LPRINT TAB(33):"ACCOUNT": TAB(56):"LAST PAYMENT"
5650 LPRINT "-----"
5700 LPRINT "-----":LPRINT
5750 FOR I=1 TO AN: GOSUB 17200
5800 IF LC=1 AND T3$=X3$ THEN 6300:REM BRANCH IF CURRENT ACC.S ONLY
5850 IF T3$=X3$ THEN 5950
5900 DAS=T3$: GOSUB 18850: LPRINT DAS:
5950 LPRINT TAB(10):J4$: TAB(18):J5$: TAB(27):J1$: "J18$
6000 GOSUB 19850: REM LOCATE LAST HISTORY RECORD FOR THIS ACCOUNT
6050 IF LEN(S7$)=0 THEN 6200:REM IF NO HIS-REC, DONT PRINT IT
6100 LPRINT TAB(53):J7$: ON "J
6150 DAS=S4$: GOSUB 18850: LPRINT DAS:
6200 LPRINT: N2=N2+1
6250 E=E+VAL(T4$): E1=E1+VAL(T5$)
6300 NEXT
6350 FOR I=1 TO 71:LPRINT"-":NEXT:LPRINT
6400 E$=STR$(E1): E1$=STR$(E1)
6450 IF ASC(RIGHT$(E$,3))=46 THEN 6550
6500 IF ASC(RIGHT$(E$,2))=46 THEN E$=E$+"0" ELSE E$=E$+"00"
6550 IF ASC(RIGHT$(E1$,3))=46 THEN 6650
6600 IF ASC(RIGHT$(E1$,2))=46 THEN E1$=E1$+"0" ELSE E1$=E1$+"00"
6650 LPRINT TAB(10):RIGHT$(S$+E$,6): TAB(18):RIGHT$(S$+E1$,7)
6700 IF (INP(255) AND 1)=0 THEN 1500:REM IF SW 1=1 THEN LINE FEED
6750 FOR I=N2 TO 56:LPRINT: NEXT
6800 LPRINT TAB(15):FOR I=1 TO 42:LPRINT"-":NEXT:LPRINT
6850 GOTO 1500
6900 REM
6950 REM *****
7000 REM - THIS IS THE BILL ENTRY SECTION *****
7050 REM *****
7100 REM
7150 OLD=0: GOSUB 18700
7200 PRINT K$: TAB(45):"ACCOUNT UPDATE ROUTINE": PRINT
7250 GOSUB 19650
7300 IF N=0 THEN 8150: REM IF 0 DEFAULT, THEN ASSIGN NEXT # >=30
7350 REM NOW FIND OLD, OR ASSIGN NEW, ACCOUNT # & TITLE
7400 FOR I=1 TO AN
7450 GOSUB 17200
7500 T1=VAL(T1$)
7550 IF N>T1 THEN NEXT
7600 IF N>T1 THEN ?:"PRINT"NEW ACCOUNT - ENTER ACC.TITLE": GOTO 8500
7650 PRINT "ACCOUNT NUMBER "JNJ: IS "J18$
7700 OLD=1: IF T3$=X3$ THEN 8600
7750 REM IF OLD BILL WAS NOT PAID,BUILD HISTORY-RECORD FOR IT
7800 S1$=T1$: S2$=T2$: S3$=T3$

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7850 S4=LEFT$(S5,5)
7900 S5=S4+1: S6=S5+1: S7=LEFT$(S6,6)
7950 S8=S6+1
8000 SN=SN+1: K=SN: GOSUB 18400:REM STORE THE RECORD
8050 GOSUB 19100
8100 GOTO 8600
8150 REM THIS SECTION ASSIGNS A DEFAULT ACC #
8200 V2=0: FOR I=1 TO AN
8250 V1=VAL(MID$(A$(I),2,2))
8300 IF V1>V2 THEN V2=V1
8350 NEXT
8400 IF V2<30 THEN N=30 ELSE N=V2+1
8450 PRINT:PRINT"DEFAULT ACC.#";N:PRINT" ASSIGNED. ENTER ";
8500 INPUT "ACCOUNT NAME ";T1$
8550 IF LEN(T1$)>20 THEN T1$=LEFT$(T1$,20)
8600 PRINT "DATE PAYMENT IS DUE ";:GOSUB 24650: T3$=DAS
8650 INPUT "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (MAX 7) ";T1$
8700 IF LEN(T1$)<=7 THEN 8800
8750 PRINT:PRINT"MAXIMUM NUMBER IS 9999.99 REENTER AMOUNT":GOTO 8650
8800 T5$=RIGHT$(C5+T1$,7)
8850 INPUT "PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE ";T1$
8900 IF LEN(T1$)<=0 THEN T4$=RIGHT$(C5+T1$,6) ELSE T4$=RIGHT$(C5+T1$,6)
8950 INPUT "INTEREST CHARGE ";T1$
9000 T6$=RIGHT$(C5+T1$,5)
9050 PRINT:PRINT"DATE BILL WAS RECEIVED ";:GOSUB 20650
9100 IF DAS<A3$ THEN T5$=DAS ELSE T5$=RIGHT$(C5+D5,5)
9150 T1$=RIGHT$(STR$(N),2)
9200 REM
9250 REM NOW DISPLAY SUMMARY & CONFIRM ENTRY
9300 GOSUB 18700
9350 PRINT"ACCOUNT # ";T1$; " - ";T1$
9400 PRINT:PRINT"PAYMENT OF $";T4$; " DUE ON ";
9450 DAS=T3$: GOSUB 18850: PRINT DAS;
9500 PRINT T4$(40); "TOTAL DUE $";T5$
9550 PRINT "FINANCE CHARGE $";T6$
9600 PRINT:INPUT"AMOUNT TO BE PAID ";T1$
9650 IF VAL(T1$)>0 THEN T1$=T1$ ELSE IF 0 ENTERED, DO NOT UPDATE
9700 PRINT:PRINT"ACCOUNT FILE UPDATED."
9750 IF Q1=0 THEN AN=AN+1: I=AN
9800 GOSUB 18250
9850 GOTO 1500
9900 REM
9950 REM *****
10000 REM - THIS IS THE BILL PAYING SECTION *****
10050 REM *****
10100 REM
10150 GOSUB 19650
10200 FOR I=1 TO AN
10250 GOSUB 17200
10300 T1$=VAL(T1$)
10350 IF N<=11 THEN NEXT
10400 IF N<=11 THEN PRINT"ACCOUNT # ";N:PRINT" NOT ON FILE.":GOTO 1500
10450 PRINT:PRINT T1$
10500 PRINT"PAYMENT AMOUNT - ";T4$; " DUE ON ";
10550 DAS=T3$:GOSUB 18850: PRINT DAS;
10600 PRINT "TOTAL AMOUNT - ";T5$
10650 PRINT:INPUT"AMOUNT TO BE PAID ";T1$
10700 IF VAL(T1$)>0 THEN T1$=T1$ ELSE IF 0 ENTERED, DO NOT UPDATE
10750 T5$=T1$: T5$=T5$+T6$
10800 S4$=RIGHT$(C5+D5,5)
10850 S5$=T4$: S6$=T5$: S7$=RIGHT$(C5+D2$,6)
10900 S8$=T6$
10950 T2$=LEFT$(S5,5)
11000 T3$=LEFT$(S6,5)
11050 T4$=LEFT$(S7,6):REM CLEAR PAY DUE DATA
11100 T5$=RIGHT$(C5+STR$(VAL(T2$)-VAL(T3$)),7)
11150 T6$=LEFT$(S8,5)
11200 GOSUB 18750:REM UPDATE THE CURRENT-RECORD
11250 SN=SN+1: K=SN: GOSUB 18400:REM UPDATE THE HISTORY-RECORD
11300 GOSUB 19100:REM NOW SORT THE HIS-REC FILE
11350 GOTO 1500:REM RETURN FOR NEXT OPTION
11400 REM
11450 REM *****
11500 REM - THIS IS THE RECORD DELETE SECTION *****
11550 REM *****
11600 REM
11650 GOSUB 19650
11700 FOR I=1 TO AN
11750 GOSUB 17200
11800 T1$=VAL(T1$)
11850 IF N<=11 THEN NEXT
11900 IF N<=11 THEN PRINT"ACCOUNT # ";N:PRINT" NOT ON FILE.":GOTO 1500
11950 PRINT:PRINT"ACCOUNT # ";N:PRINT" IS ";T1$
12000 INPUT"DELETE ";N$
12050 IF LEFT$(N$,1)<>"Y" THEN 1500
12100 FOR I1=1 TO AN
12150 A$(I1)=A$(I1+1): NEXT
12200 AN=AN-1
12250 IF SN=0 THEN 1500:FOR K=1 TO SN:REM NOW DELETE ANY HISTORY-RECORD
12300 GOSUB 17700: IF N<=VAL(C1$) THEN NEXT: GOTO 1500
12350 IF K=SN THEN 12400:FOR I=K TO SN-1: S5(I)=S5(I+1): NEXT
12400 SN=SN-1: GOTO 12250
12450 REM
12500 REM *****
12550 REM - THIS IS THE PRINT SELECTED ACCOUNT ROUTINE *****
12600 REM *****
12650 REM
12700 GOSUB 18700
12750 PRINT K$: T4$(40); "SELECTED ACCOUNT HISTORY PRINTER":PRINT
12800 GOSUB 19650
12850 FOR I=1 TO AN: GOSUB 17200:REM FIND THE ACC.RECORD
12900 T1$=VAL(T1$)
12950 IF N<=11 THEN NEXT
13000 IF N<=11 THEN PRINT"ACCOUNT # ";N:PRINT" NOT ON FILE.":GOTO 1500
13050 GOSUB 13150:REM CALL THE PRINT ROUTINE
13100 GOTO 1500
13150 LPRINT:LPRINT"ACCOUNT # ";T1$
13200 LPRINT"ACCOUNT TITLE - ";T3$:LPRINT
13250 GOSUB 13900:REM PRINT COL HEADERS
13300 REM NOW GET HISTORY-RECORDS & PRINT
13350 FOR K=1 TO SN
13400 IF T1<=VAL(MID$(S5(K),2,2)) THEN 13550
13450 GOSUB 17700:REM FORMAT THE RECORD
13500 GOSUB 14000
13550 NEXT
13600 IF VAL(T5$)=0 THEN RETURN
13650 DAS=T2$:GOSUB 18850: LPRINT DAS;
13700 DAS=T3$:GOSUB 18850: LPRINT T4$(10); DAS;
13750 LPRINT T4$(20);T4$: T4$(31);T6$: T4$(40);T5$
13800 RETURN
13850 REM
13900 REM THIS PRINTS THE COLUME READINGS ****
13950 LPRINT:LPRINT"DATE REC DATE DUE PAYMENT INTEREST TOTAL";
14000 LPRINT: "DATE PAID AMOUNT PAID"
14050 LPRINT"-----"
14100 LPRINT"-----": RETURN
14150 REM
14200 REM THIS PRINTS THE COLUMNS OF DATA ****
14250 DAS=S5$: GOSUB 18850: LPRINT DAS;
14300 DAS=S3$: GOSUB 18850: LPRINT T4$(10);DAS;

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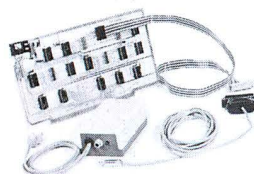
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20800 IF MID$(DAS,3,1)<>" " OR MID$(DAS,6,1)<>" " THEN 21100
20850 A=VAL(LEFT$(DAS,2)): IF A<1 OR A>12 THEN 21100
20900 A=VAL(MID$(DAS,4,2)): IF A<1 OR A>31 THEN 21100
20950 A=VAL(RIGHT$(DAS,2)): IF A<70 OR A>90 THEN 21100
21000 DAS=LEFT$(DAS,2)+MID$(DAS,4,2)+RIGHT$(DAS,1): RETURN
21050 REM
21100 PRINT"DATE MUST BE ENTERED AS MM/DD/YY ": GOTO 20700
21150 REM
21160 REM *****
21200 REM THIS SUBROUTINE SETS I/O VECTORS FOR FILE READS *****
21210 REM *****
21250 REM IF SW 1 IS UP, USE TTY
21300 IF (INP(255)AND 1)=1 THEN RETURN
21350 REM SET BASIC CI=8706
21360 REM THE FILE IS READ BY SETTING BASICS CI TO POINT TO
21365 REM THE FILE READ DRIVER. WHEN THE READ IS DONE, RESET
21366 REM THE POINTERS TO NORMAL.
21400 R1=519: REM ADDRESS OF BASIC CI VECTOR
21450 R2=R6: R3=135: REM R706 (ZAPPLE R1)
21500 POKE R1,R2: POKE R1+1,R3: POKE R1+5,201
21550 RETURN
21600 REM RESTORE VECTORS
21650 POKE R1,3: POKE R1+1,135: POKE R1+5,195: REM R706
21700 RETURN
21750 REM
21800 REM THIS SUBROUTINE SETS I/O VECTORS FOR FILE WRITES *****
21850 REM IF SW 1 IS UP, USE TTY
21900 K=10: IF (INP(255) AND 1)=1 THEN RETURN
21950 REM SET APPLE MONITOR I/O VECTORS FOR CU=PUNCH OUT
22000 R1=34570: REM ADDRESS OF ZAPPLE CO I/O VECTOR
22050 R2=PEEK(R1): R3=PEEK(R1+1): REM SAVE OLD VECTORS
22100 R5=12: R6=135: REM HEX 0C 87
22150 POKE R1,R5: POKE R1+1,R6
22200 K=50: RETURN
22250 REM
22300 IF (INP(255)AND 1)=1 THEN RETURN: REM IF TTY, RETURN
22350 POKE R1,R2: POKE R1+1,R3: RETURN
22400 REM
22410 REM - ADM-3A CHK DOUBLE SUBROUTINE *****
22450 N=1000: PRINT CHR$(26)
22500 I=INP(1)
22550 FOR I=1 TO N
22600 PRINT CHR$(27)"=CHR$(31+RND(1)*24)CHR$(31+71+RND(1))"
22650 IF I/20 = INT(I/20) THEN PRINT
22700 IF INP(1)<>1 THEN 950: REM END ON KEYBOARD INPUT
22750 NEXT I: GOTO 22450
22800 REMEND

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14350 LPRINT TAB(20);SS; TAB(31);SS; TAB(40);SS;
14400 DAS=S4; GOSUB 18500: LPRINT TAB(50);DAS;
14450 LPRINT TAB(60);S7;
14500 RETURN
14550 REM
14600 REM *****
14650 REM - THIS IS THE PRINT HISTORY OF ALL ACCOUNTS ROUTINE ****
14700 REM *****
14750 REM
14800 FOR I=1 TO AN: GOSUB 17200: REM FIND THE ACC. RECORD
14850 T1=VAL(T15): GOSUB 13150
14900 LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT
14950 NEXT
15000 GOTO 1500
15050 REM
15100 REM *****
15150 REM - THIS IS THE "SORT ON DUE DATE" ROUTINE *****
15200 REM *****
15250 REM
15300 PRINT"SORT IN PROGRESS"
15350 TE=AN
15400 FOR I1=1 TO AN-1: IF=0: FOR I=1 TO IE-1
15450 REM PURBLE SORT BY YEAR, MONTH & DAY
15500 X15=MID$(AS(I),9,5): X25=MID$(AS(I+1),9,5)
15550 IF X15=X35 AND X25=X35 THEN 15950
15600 IF X15=X35 THEN 15900 ELSE IF X25=X35 THEN 15950
15650 V1=VAL(MID$(AS(I),13,1)): V2=VAL(MID$(AS(I+1),13,1))
15700 IF V1<V2 THEN 15900 ELSE IF V1<V2 THEN 15950
15750 V1=VAL(MID$(AS(I),9,2)): V2=VAL(MID$(AS(I+1),9,2))
15800 IF V1<V2 THEN 15900 ELSE IF V1<V2 THEN 15950
15850 IF VAL(MID$(AS(I),11,2))< VAL(MID$(AS(I+1),11,2)) THEN 15950
15900 TEMP5=AS(I): AS(I)=AS(I+1): AS(I+1)=TEMP5: IF=1
15950 N35=MID$(AS(I),30,1): IF LEN(N35)=0 THEN 16050
16000 OUT 255,NOT(ASC(N35)+16*ASC(N35)) AND 255: REM FLASH LIGHTS
16050 NEXT I: IF TE=0 THEN 16150
16100 TE=TE-1: NEXT I1
16150 GOSUB 18700
16200 PRINT"SORT FINISHED": GOTO 1500
16250 REM
16300 REM *****
16350 REM - THIS IS THE "SORT BY ACC. NUMBER SUBROUTINE *****
16400 REM *****
16450 REM
16500 PRINT"SORT IN PROGRESS"
16550 TE=AN
16600 FOR I1=1 TO AN-1: IF=0: FOR I=1 TO IE-1
16650 IF VAL(MID$(AS(I),9,2))< VAL(MID$(AS(I+1),9,2)) THEN 16750
16700 TEMP5=AS(I): AS(I)=AS(I+1): AS(I+1)=TEMP5: IF=1
16750 N35=MID$(AS(I),30,1): IF LEN(N35)=0 THEN 16850
16800 OUT 255,NOT(ASC(N35)+16*ASC(N35)) AND 255: REM FLASH LIGHTS
16850 NEXT I: IF TE=0 THEN 16950
16900 TE=TE-1: NEXT I1
16950 GOSUB 18900: PRINT"SORT FINISHED": PRINT: GOTO 1500
17000 REM
17050 REM
17100 REM *****SYSTEM SUBROUTINES*****
17150 REM
17200 REM - THIS IS THE CURRENT-RECORD FORMATTER SUBROUTINE ****
17210 REM
17250 T15=MID$(AS(I),2,2): REM ACCOUNT NUMBER
17300 T25=MID$(AS(I),4,5): REM DATE ENTERED
17350 T35=MID$(AS(I),9,5): REM PAYMENT DUE DATE
17400 T45=MID$(AS(I),14,6): REM PAYMENT AMOUNT
17450 T55=MID$(AS(I),20,7): REM TOTAL AMOUNT
17500 T65=MID$(AS(I),27,5): REM INTEREST CHARGE
17550 T85=MID$(AS(I),30,20): REM ACCOUNT NAME
17600 RETURN
17650 REM
17700 REM THIS IS THE HISTORY-RECORD FORMATTER SUBROUTINE ****
17750 S15=MID$(SS(K),2,2): REM ACCOUNT NUMBER
17800 S25=MID$(SS(K),4,5): REM BILL ENTERED DATE
17850 S35=MID$(SS(K),9,5): REM BILL DUE DATE
17900 S45=MID$(SS(K),14,5): REM BILL PAID DATE
17950 S55=MID$(SS(K),19,6): REM PAYMENT DUE AMOUNT
18000 S65=MID$(SS(K),25,7): REM TOTAL DUE AMOUNT
18050 S75=MID$(SS(K),30,6): REM ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID
18100 S85=MID$(SS(K),38,5): REM INTEREST CHARGE
18150 RETURN
18200 REM
18250 REM - THIS IS THE CURRENT-RECORD BUILDER SUBROUTINE ****
18300 AS(I)=""+I1+I2+I3+I4+I5+I6+I7+I8+I9: RETURN
18350 REM
18400 REM THIS IS THE HISTORY-RECORD BUILDER SUBROUTINE ****
18450 SS(K)=""+S1+S2+S3+S4+S5+S6+S7+S8+S9: RETURN
18500 REM
18550 REM THIS IS THE HISTORY-RECORD BUILDER ****
18600 S15=SS: S25=SS: S35=SS: S45=SS: S55=SS: S65=SS: S75=SS: S85=SS: S95=SS: S105=SS: S115=SS: S125=SS: S135=SS: S145=SS: S155=SS: S165=SS: S175=SS: S185=SS: S195=SS: S205=SS: S215=SS: S225=SS: S235=SS: S245=SS: S255=SS: S265=SS: S275=SS: S285=SS: S295=SS: S305=SS: S315=SS: S325=SS: S335=SS: S345=SS: S355=SS: S365=SS: S375=SS: S385=SS: S395=SS: S405=SS: S415=SS: S425=SS: S435=SS: S445=SS: S455=SS: S465=SS: S475=SS: S485=SS: S495=SS: S505=SS: S515=SS: S525=SS: S535=SS: S545=SS: S555=SS: S565=SS: S575=SS: S585=SS: S595=SS: S605=SS: S615=SS: S625=SS: S635=SS: S645=SS: S655=SS: S665=SS: S675=SS: S685=SS: S695=SS: S705=SS: S715=SS: S725=SS: S735=SS: S745=SS: S755=SS: S765=SS: S775=SS: S785=SS: S795=SS: S805=SS: S815=SS: S825=SS: S835=SS: S845=SS: S855=SS: S865=SS: S875=SS: S885=SS: S895=SS: S905=SS: S915=SS: S925=SS: S935=SS: S945=SS: S955=SS: S965=SS: S975=SS: S985=SS: S995=SS: S1005=SS: S1015=SS: S1025=SS: S1035=SS: S1045=SS: S1055=SS: S1065=SS: S1075=SS: S1085=SS: S1095=SS: S1105=SS: 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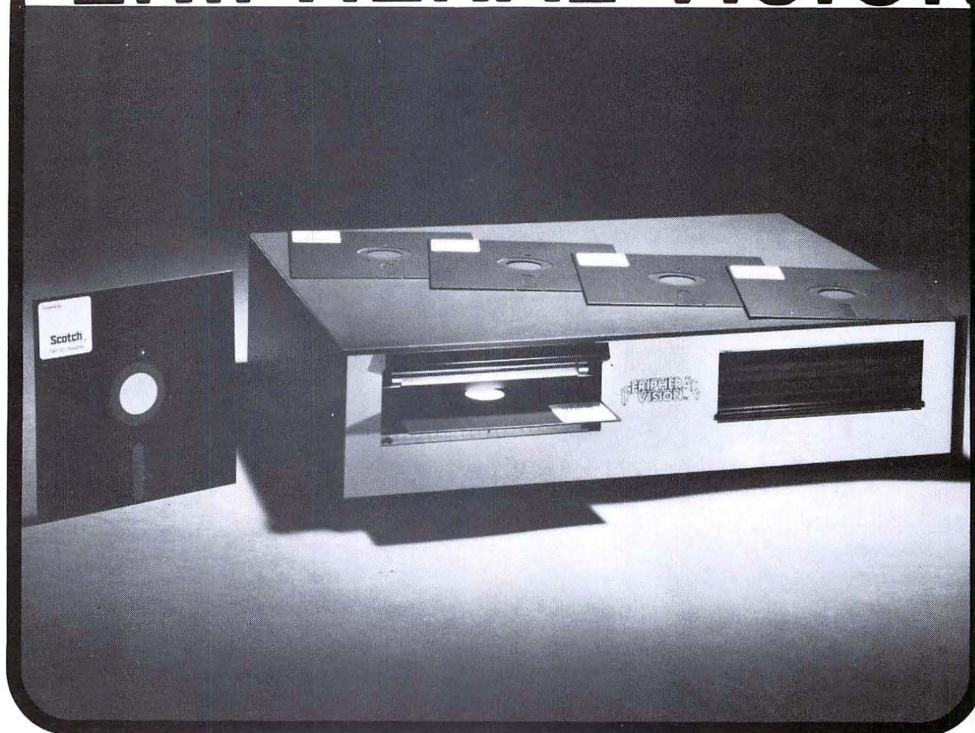
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To successfully maintain a marine (salt water) aquarium, the physical conditions within the tank must remain within certain limits. Without external control some of these conditions will eventually fall outside the acceptable limits. To control the environment of the aquarium, measurements must be periodically taken. Based on the data obtained, the observer takes corrective action. This guarantees the tank parameters remain acceptable.

Many books have been published on the proper maintenance of the aquarium. Therefore, the details of maintenance shall not be reported in this article. However, it is possible to use the computer to measure the tank parameters, to calculate and to perform the necessary corrections.

The conventional tests are often difficult to perform. Therefore, only one (often inaccurate) sample is obtained for each parameter. These tests often require human judgement to obtain a numerical value. For an example let the nominal value of salinity be 35 grams/liter (often expressed as 35‰). To "measure" salinity a hydrometer is used. This device floats in the water, and deter-

mines the density (weight) of the water. However, the density of the water is a function of the salinity and temperature. If the reading of the hydrometer is 1.025, it is often interpreted that the salinity is 35 grams/liter. However, this is only correct if the water temperature is near 77°F. At 66°F the 1.025 reading corresponds to 33 grams/liter. Therefore, the low salinity of 33 grams/liter is incorrectly interpreted as a nominal 35 grams/liter. An additional problem with the hydrometer is that bubbles often accumulate on its surface which causes an inaccurate reading.

The computer offers many advantages. With the proper interface and program we obtain:

1. Impartial measurements
2. Large number of samples
3. Statistical data reduction
4. Automatic calibration
5. Error control

Items 2 and 3 are the primary advantages. The computer is programmed to reject noise measurements. The



Maintenance

subroutine at 4500 in the example program calculates an average based on "N" samples. The maximum variation in the data is controlled by the parameter "E." If the noise or uncertainty is excessive, the program is terminated. The computer is programmed to calibrate itself. Failure to achieve a specified accuracy terminates the program.

It shall be noted that the circuit shown by Figure 1 permits any combination of 8 independent measurements and outputs. If decoding is used, 256 combinations of independent measurements or output functions are available.

The following list provides measurements that can be performed by the computer with the proper interface. Some of these measurements require special probes and amplifiers that are commercially available.

- Temperature
- Conductivity
- pH
- Salinity
- Specific Gravity

- Ammonia Concentration
- Nitrate Concentration
- Copper
- Cyanide
- Lead
- Cadmium

The example program is used to measure three parameters (temperature, salinity, and pH). Salinity and pH require special probes and additional circuitry. Five analog switches are required. One is needed for calibration, and two probes are for determining relative salinity.

After all measurements have been completed, the program determines the parameters that need correcting. For example if the pH is too low ($\text{pH} < 8.0$) a pulse is provided to add pH buffer. Corrections that need a human interface are printed onto the terminal.

Figure 2 shows how a piecewise linear relationship was obtained for the thermister. Since the A/D converter has an attenuator that sets each bit to -10 millivolts, the mercury cell (1.35 volts) should be seen by the computer as 135.

—16253 to —16256 are the memory locations of the PIA.

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100 N=30
110 GOSUB 4000
120 PRINT "AQUARIUM MAINTANENCE"
130 N=6
140 GOSUB 4000
150 DIM A$(8),K$(8)
160 GOSUB 2900
170 PRINT "PERFORM MAINTANENCE?"
200 GOSUB 4100
210 IF A$="YES" THEN 230
220 GOTO 5000
230 PRINT "ENTER PASSWORD."
240 GOSUB 4110
250 IF A$=K$ THEN 290
260 GOTO 4950
270 PRINT "VERIFY THAT THE PROBES"
300 PRINT "ARE IMMersed IN THE SAMPLE."
310 DIM D$(8)
320 D1$=A$
330 PRINT "PRESS RETURN KEY TO CONTINUE."
340 INPUT A$
350 REM: CAUTION! PH VALVE MUST
360 REM: IGNORE A NARROW PULSE ON PB7.
370 POKE -16253,0
380 POKE -16254,255
390 POKE -16253,4
400 POKE -16254,254
410 POKE -16255,44
420 GOSUB 4900
430 REM: ♦♦AUTO CALIBRATION♦♦
460 X=PEEK(-16254)
470 IF X=254 THEN 490
480 GOTO 4200
490 N=10
500 E=20
510 GOSUB 4500
520 E=ABS(135-A)
530 IF E<? THEN 560
540 PRINT "CALIBRATION ERROR!"
550 GOTO 5010
560 E1=(100+E)/135
570 E2=(100+E) MOD 135
580 PRINT "ERROR = ";E1;".";100+E2/135;"%"
590 C=A
600 REM: TEMPERATURE
610 POKE -16254,253
620 GOSUB 4900
630 E=20
640 N=10
650 GOSUB 4500

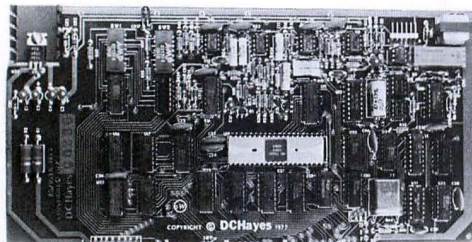
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660 T=(A+10-84)/18
670 PRINT "TEMP.=";T;" F"
680 PRINT "TEMP.=";5*(T-32)/9
700 REM: SALINITY
710 POKE -16254,251
720 GOSUB 4900
730 E=20
740 N=10
750 GOSUB 4500
760 S1=A
780 POKE -16254,247
790 GOSUB 4900
800 E=20
810 N=10
820 GOSUB 4500
830 S2=A
840 IF (S2-S1)>10 THEN 900
850 IF (S2-S1)<10 THEN 880
860 PRINT "SALINITY OK"
870 GOTO 910
880 PRINT "SALINITY TOO HIGH!"
890 GOTO 910
900 PRINT "SALINITY TOO LOW!"
910 PRINT "SREF=";S1
920 PRINT "STNK=";S2
930 PRINT "MAX. DIFF.=10"
940 REM: PH, H ION PROBE AND BUFFER AMP
950 POKE -16254,239
960 GOSUB 4900
970 E=20
980 N=10
990 GOSUB 4500
1000 P1=7+A/10
1010 P2=AMOD10
1020 PRINT "PH = ";P1;".";P2
1200 REM: USER DEFINED CORRECTION ALGORITHMS
1210 REM: ARE INSERTED BETWEEN LINES 1400 & 2800.
1400 REM: PH CORRECTION
1410 IF P1<8 THEN 1430
1420 GOTO 5010
1430 POKE -16254,127
1440 FOR I=1 TO 2000
1450 NEXT I
1460 POKE -16254,255
1470 PRINT "PH BUFFER ADDED!"
1480 GOTO 5010
2900 REM: PASSWORD
2910 K$="PASSWORD"
2920 RETURN
4000 FOR I= 1 TO N
4010 PRINT
4020 NEXT I
4030 RETURN
4100 PRINT "ENTER: YES OR NO"
4110 INPUT A$
4120 RETURN
4200 N=30
4210 GOSUB 4000
4220 PRINT "FATAL ERROR!"
4230 N=6
4240 GOSUB 4000
4250 PRINT "TURN OFF COMPUTER & THEN"
4260 PRINT "CONNECT THE INSTRUMENT"
4270 PRINT "PACKAGE."
4280 GOSUB 4000
4290 GOTO 5010
4500 REM: MEASUREMENT ROUTINE
4510 REM: D = 1 DUMMY READ
4520 D=PEEK(-16256)
4530 A=0
4540 V0=PEEK(-16256)
4550 FOR I=1 TO N
4560 V=PEEK(-16256)
4570 A=A+V
4580 IF ABS(V-V0)<E THEN 4610
4590 PRINT "NOISY MEASUREMENT!"
4600 GOTO 5010
4610 NEXT I
4620 A=A/N
4630 RETURN
4900 PRINT "WAIT!"
4910 FOR I=1 TO 5000
4920 NEXT I
4930 RETURN
4950 PRINT "ACCESS DENIED!"
4960 GOTO 5020
5000 PRINT "NO ACCESS REQUESTED"
5010 PRINT "END"
5020 END

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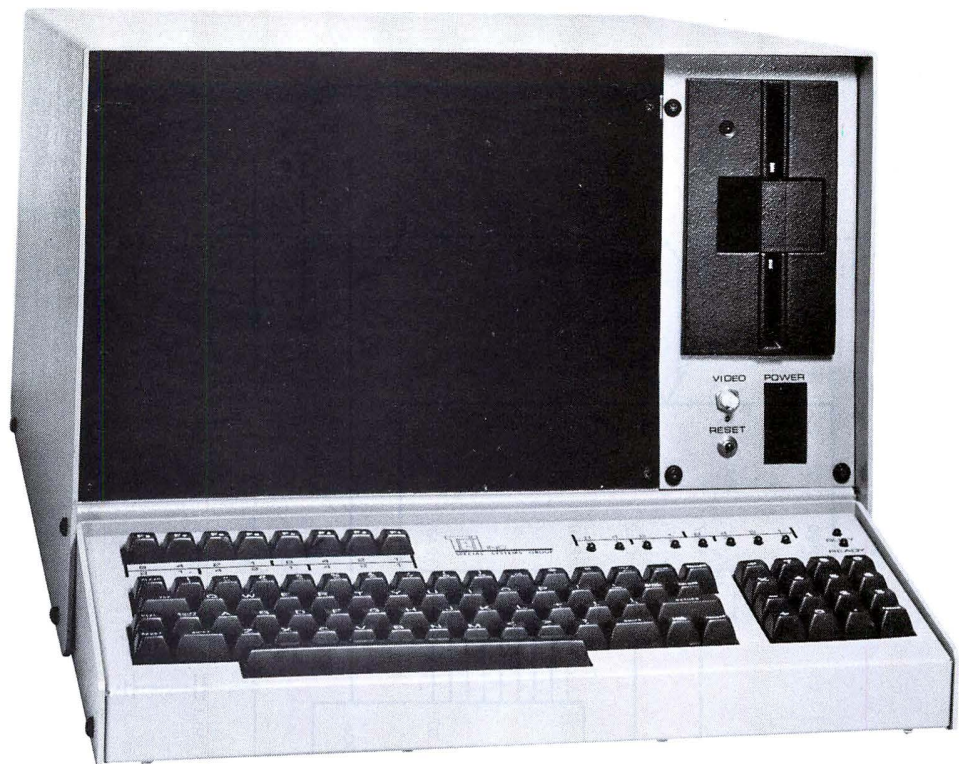
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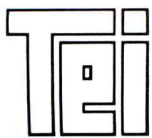
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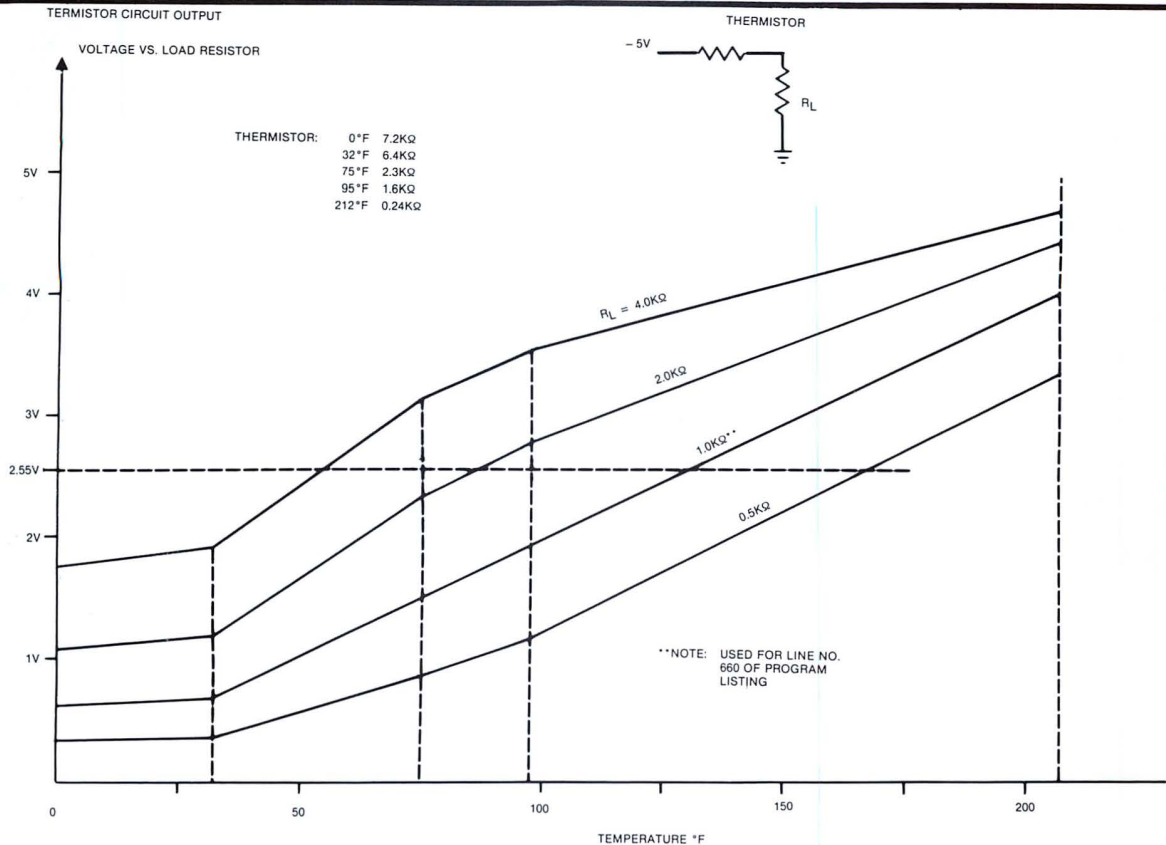
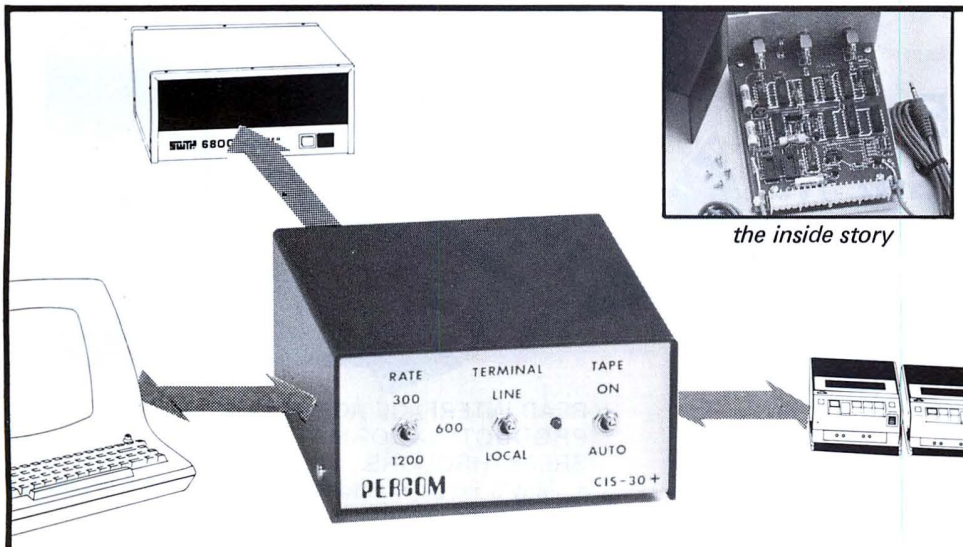


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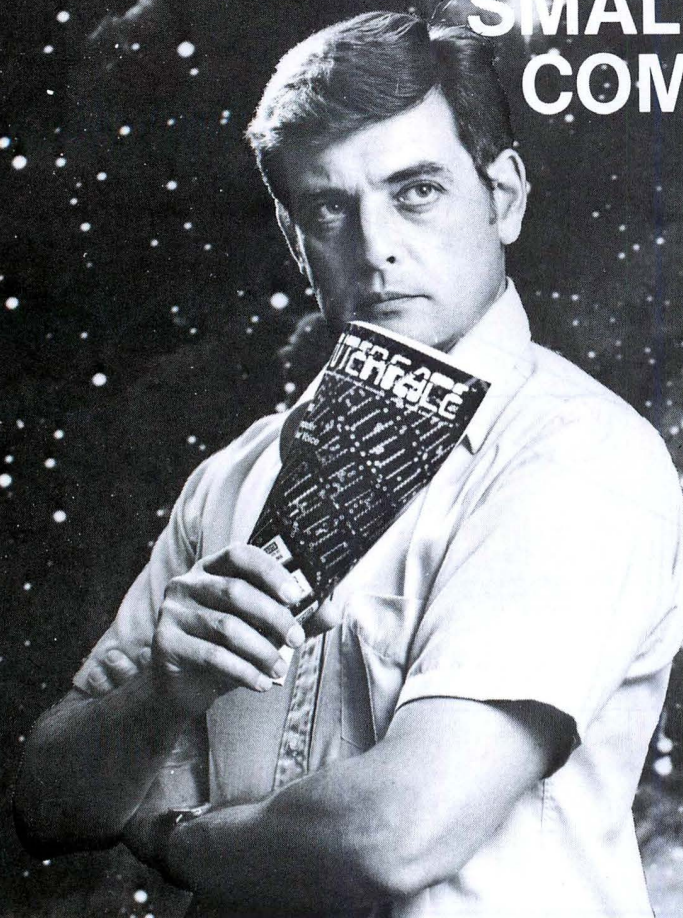
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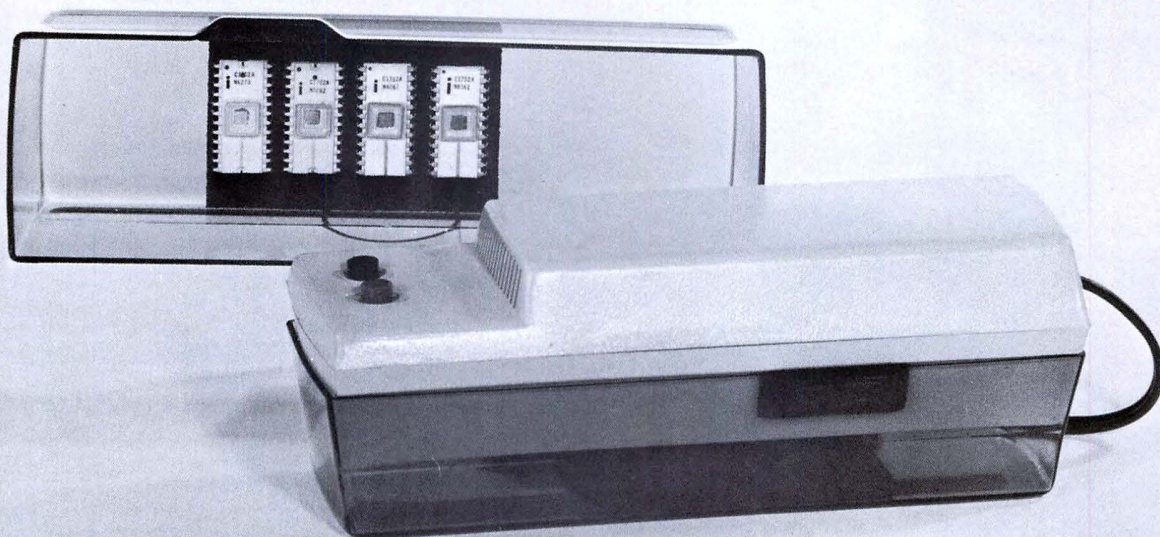
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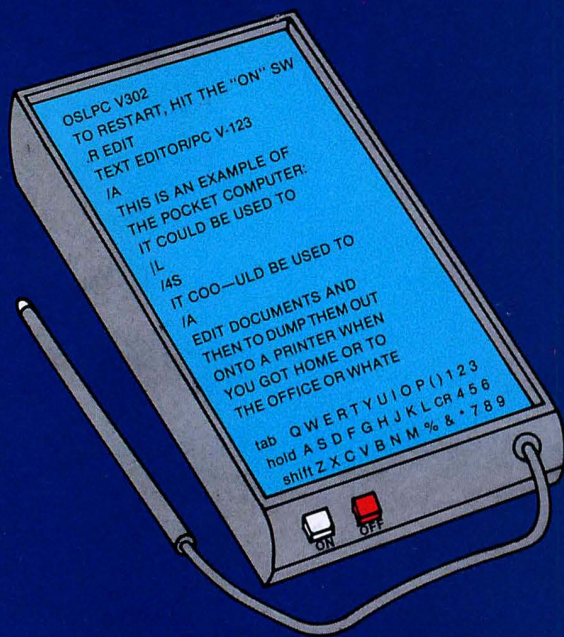


Figure 1. The Pocket Computer, an early model. Note "pseudo-keyboard."

Computers get smaller all the time; but it seems that there is a downward quantum jump in physical size that occurs near the beginning of each decade. First there were the mechanical analog monstrosities of the Forties, then the tube and relay kluges of the Fifties, the transistor and SSI systems of the Sixties, and now the LSI microcomputers in the Seventies. What's next?

Certainly further miniaturization would be desirable. The microcomputer, though relatively small, is far from portable by the time you add memory and peripherals to it. It can not be carried around the way a pocket calculator can, which severely limits the times and places it can be used. The difference between a hypothetical pocket computer and the micro is like the difference between a modern calculator and an adding machine: one is of universal utility; the other is restricted in use to a small group, "a computer in every home" notwithstanding. To bring the computer to the people, I suggest a computer in every pocket!

Let us now look at how a pocket computer might be made commercially practical. The main restriction on the miniaturization of the microcomputer is no longer the CPU itself, nor even the memory, but rather the I/O devices, particularly the keyboard and the CRT, the only tube in the IC age. This limitation can be overcome with technology available now — although the development time will probably delay the introduction of the pocket computer until the early 1980s.

The pocket computer, as I visualize it, would be similar in size and shape to the pocket calculator, a time- and consumer-tested design, about six inches long, four inches wide, and three eighths of an inch deep, with a plastic case and simple instructions on the back.

The general design philosophy should be to make it instantly usable to anyone who can read and write. Instead of a keyboard and seven segment readouts, the entire front would be covered with a flat LED, liquid crystal, or plasma screen, like the ones on PLATO terminals. Prototypes of all these designs have been in existence for several years since they were developed by the television manufacturers as possible substitutes for the CRT. This screen would probably be the most expensive single item in the computer, not including software. At first, low definition black-and-colored versions with perhaps 256x256 dots would appear; then as prices drop and the technology improves, full color, multi-intensity screens might become available, with definition as high as 1K².

The screen would undoubtedly consume a large amount of current, which would necessitate large storage batteries; but as the inside of the box would probably be otherwise largely empty, this should cause no problem.

The processor, memory, and interfaces would be on a chip or chips glued to the back of the screen. A possibility is to make the chips plug into each other in some way so that one could add a new 32K memory chip or a line printer interface to one's existing system. A

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minimum configuration, which would come on a single chip, might include, say, a 16-bit microprocessor with BASIC, APL, and TRAC on ROM, perhaps with an assembler/text editor/linking loader and a USR or similar machine language subroutine call to allow special routines that are not possible in the high-level languages; 32Kx16 RAM for program and data storage; screen, lightpen; and interfaces to disc drives, line-printer, and what-have-you for use when the computer is being used at a desk.

An important component of the pocket computer would be the lightpen, the main input device, which would replace the keyboard. It would be attached by a wire, Koil Kord™, or radio link to the computer, and would be similar in operation and construction to present-day lightpens. In primitive versions of the computer, it would be used to "zap" letters displayed on the screen in a pseudo-keyboard; but as pattern recognition techniques get to be more sophisticated, direct handwritten input should become possible (see Figures 1 and 2). Handwritten input would be extremely fast, and very easy to use.

Another input possibility is voice. This is still in the development stage, and is not yet sufficiently sophisticated for our purposes. The essential problem is that the same string of phonemes, or sound units, may mean different things in different contexts. For example, the words "I scream" and "ice cream" are virtually identical in sound, but are easy to tell apart when someone asks you "do you want some ice cream?" or says, "when I hit my finger with a hammer, I scream." This implies that the word-recognition software has to interact with syntactic and semantic parsers, which is rather complicated.

Voice output, on the other hand, though technologically a "solved" problem, is very limited in its application because it requires the user to remember what's been said.

The main output device would, of course, be the screen. Full graphics as well as characters are possible since the hardware would presumably *bitmap* the computer's RAM onto the screen: that is, each bit in the bit-mapped memory would correspond to a dot on the screen; if the bit is "high" the dot lights up; if "low," it is dark. However, the addition of graphics generation to the other input/output chores of the processor would probably slow it down to an unacceptable pace. Therefore, a slave processor could be used to handle all I/O operations, while the main processor did the "heavy thinking." The slave would have full graphics routines and I/O handlers on ROM, with the capability of drawing vectors, arcs, geometrical figures, or whatever.

One problem with this scheme is mass storage. Traditional mass storage is very bulky; floppies are an improvement, but there is no way they are going to be made pocket-sized. I see two possibilities here. The first is to use some type of miniaturized card or tape reader/writer like those on the SR-52 and HP-65. These could be either magnetic, or, possibly, laser-based optical

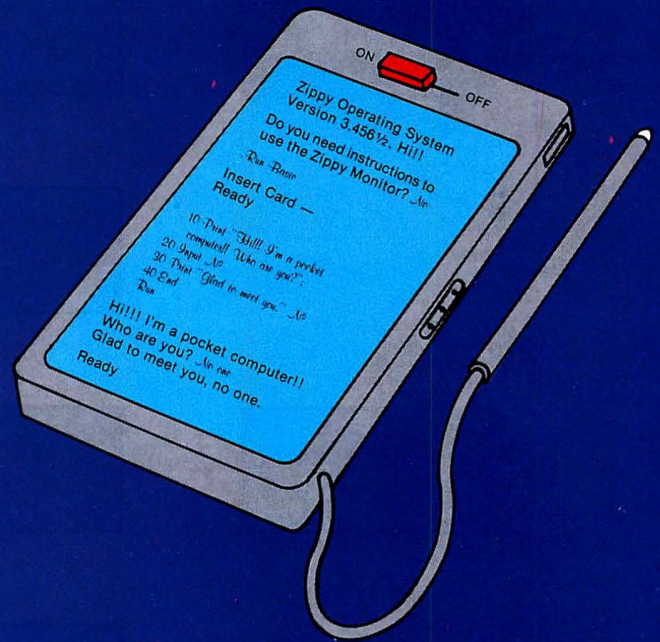


Figure 2. The Pocket Computer; An Advanced Model

devices like video discs. The other possibility is to use magnetic bubble memory, which is limited in the amount of information it can store.

By the early 1980s when this becomes commercially possible, natural language processing may have advanced to the point where computers could be programmed in a subset of English or a synthetic language like Loglan. This may or may not be desirable. Although natural languages are hardly optimal for computer programming, they might allow those who don't want to learn "computerese" to program simple applications for which they can not find a "canned" program.

The pocket computer might be a good machine to implement some of the far out "reactive grand national computer network" type of ideas that are in the air, like Xerox PARC's Dynabook, Ted Nelson's Xanadu system, and SRI's NLS. This is simply because the pocket computer is, I believe, the trend for the future.

The technology for all of the hardware ideas I have mentioned is available NOW, but someone (Zilog, Intel, et al., are you listening?) has got to make it affordable. To be practical, the maximum price that would make a pocket system competitive with the micros is about \$1000, and a \$25.00 model would certainly be much better.

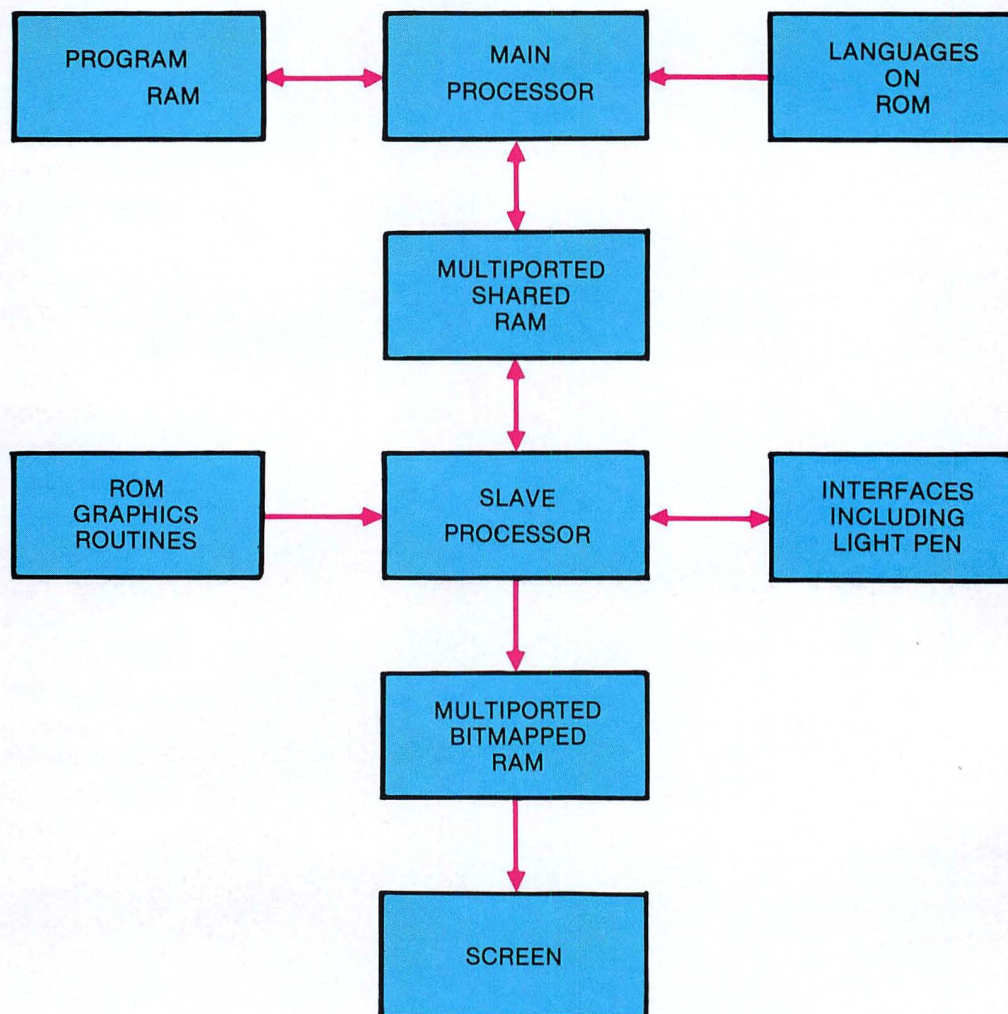


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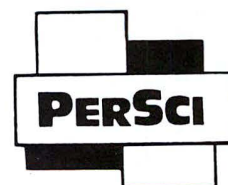
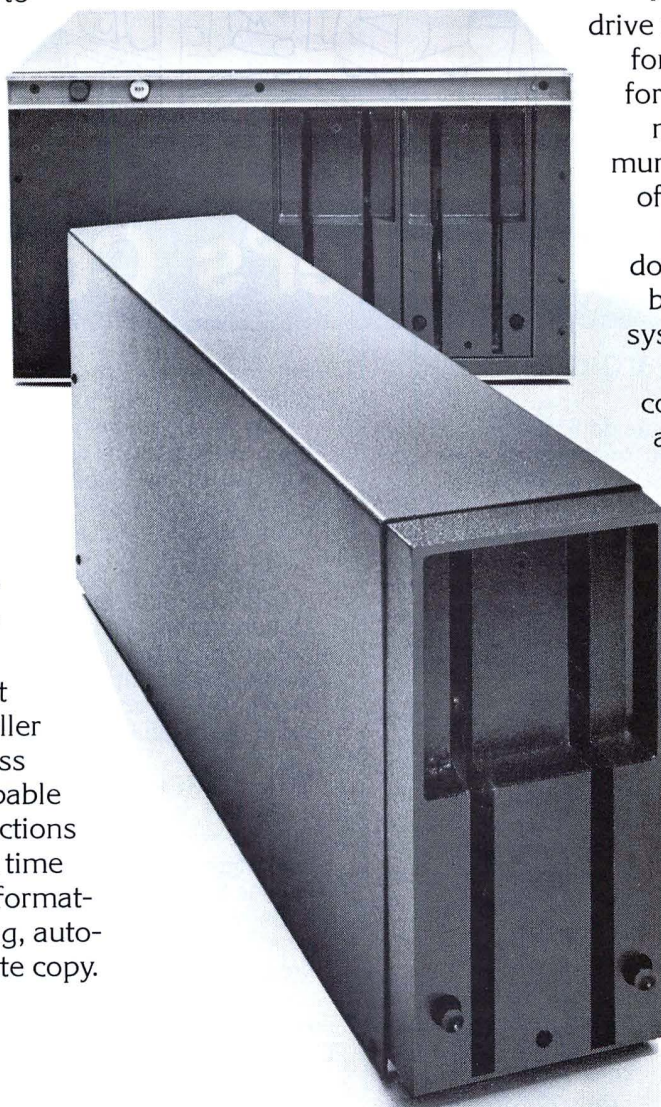
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The Homemaker's Computer

By Lore Harp and Carole Ely*

The cover of this month's issue depicts a product in a situation which two years ago might have been considered a Buck Rogers fantasy — the home, or personal, computer.

Technology has spawned a host of products, readily available, through an entirely new retail outlet structure, and at a price which has made a computer for the homemaker more of a reality than ever. Computer retailers report this as the fastest growing segment of the data processing industry and is just barely getting started. Wait for what will happen in 1978!

Any number of articles in electronics and computer magazines have touched on the many things a computer can do around the home. Most are possible, some are not, others are merely the whim of the writer. What is important is that today it makes sense to own a computer for home use. A growing number of systems assembled or in kit form are sold not just for entertainment of the electronics hobbyist, rather for specific purposes and use by family members.

THE PRESENT INFLUENCES . . .

While the majority of systems sold by computer stores are admittedly sold to small businesses, whose expansion depends on the capabilities of a data processing system, the mere exposure to the computer made possible by low-priced mini and now micro computers on the market has planted the seed. The industry can now supply systems and peripherals to individuals employed in various phases of data processing, who could not afford to own the type of equipment used dur-

ing the business day, but that equipment challenged them by continual exposure.

Any businessman whose financial problems have been solved in his business by a computer can readily transfer the time-saving aspects of data processing to a home level data-base management system — even without understanding the under-the-hood technology.

The computer exerts an influence even among elementary school children, from its use in the classroom. Children today are becoming quite comfortable addressing a computer and, in the not too distant future, a knowledge of data processing will be a prerequisite for high school or college in much the same way as is basic math or the ability to read.

THE COMPUTER IS NOT A VIDEO GAME

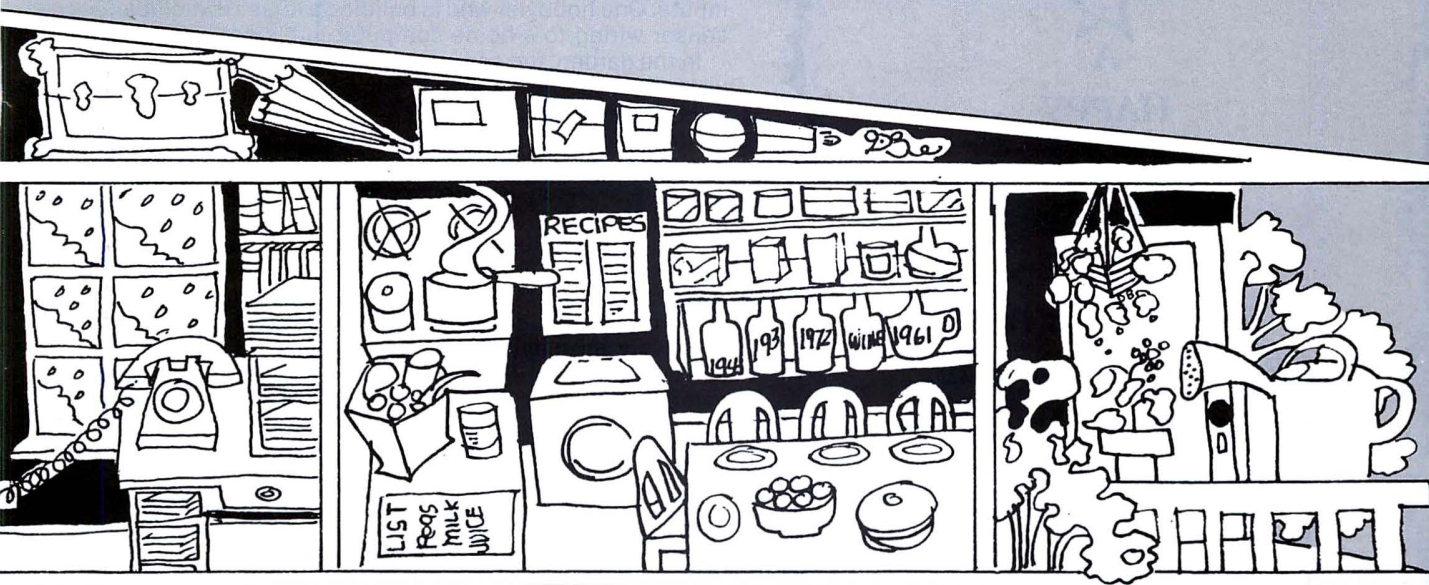
Despite some contrary sentiment, the home computer is not a more expensive version of the under \$100 video game attachment for the home television set. Games available in software, or to-be-programmed, are sophisticated and mentally stimulating on a highly professional level. With hobby computing the very act of programming offers a challenge.

THE POSSIBLE

A laundry list of tasks for the home computer is limited only by imagination. An obvious problem is to assign a task to the computer which is far beneath its true capabilities. We talk of appliance monitoring, but having the computer turn on the morning coffee can also be accomplished with a \$9 timing device with an AC outlet.

Technology has advanced to the point where solution to an exotic use for the home computer rests in the purchase of the right board, primarily those which extend memory capacity, and existing software, or design of

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original software. The last two items are readily traded through computer clubs, between individuals with a helpful dealer as intermediary, or the subject of a growing number of books and computer magazine articles.

Today the home can be viewed as a small business in itself, hence it is a prime market for the home computer. An initial program would deal with financial planning and family budget control. Tasks such as checkbook balancing, comparisons of expenditure against budget (and comparing these figures to prior periods), determination of loan annuity, interest calculations and analysis, are examples. A daily diary program would alert the family on a day-to-day basis to pending loan or lease payments, as well as family obligations such as birthdays, holiday plans, and other expenditures.

A home financial system software package also simplifies the calculations and organization of items required for filing of state or federal income tax returns or other required filings, such as a record of wages paid a domestic servant.

Real estate investments — including one's own home — can be analyzed with respect to true dollar value against percentage increases in inflation, interest rates or amount remaining on a mortgage. Projections for current and future years can be run for analysis. As new data are acquired, new projections can be run and stored, replacing out-of-date figures.

The computer can also serve as a ready address or telephone file. In a text editing mode, even a bothersome greeting card list could be entered, stored in memory, and recalled for use, change or elimination.

Attached through appropriate interface devices, the computer could monitor phone calls on a time and cost basis. Incoming calls could be monitored, an answer (perhaps one of several) provided the caller, and a response taped for review at a later time.

Without yet leaving the kitchen, several other tasks come to mind. Pantry basics could be programmed as one would handle inventory control. As items are used, quantity is subtracted from memory, and as critical levels are reached, items are then transferred to a shopping list file.

The idea of storing recipes is not new. There are catering programs for big systems. Recipes could be chosen on the basis of calorie count or nutrition value. The interaction of the computer solves the problem of portion control for any size family gathering. A recipe for three can easily be calculated for five or seven.

For a large dinner party, the problem of creating a workable seating plan can be posed to the computer, with each guest programmed as to profession, age, sex, and specific likes and dislikes, hobbies, etc. At the dinner party, telling the guests they were computer-matched certainly would generate some lively conversation!

The home wine buff can program his favorite selections on the basis of inventory control, or in conjunction with menus in memory. Basic data on vineyards, growth years, and type could be programmed for ready reference prior to purchase. As a certain growth reaches maturity, data are accordingly edited.

The home computer can be coupled to TV equipment. An entire week's favorite television programs could be programmed and the computer assigned to do one of several ingenious things: signal an alarm prior to air time, turn on the set, or control a videotape recorder.

The home burglar alarm monitored by computer has been mentioned, but here again simple switches at each means of access to the home hooked directly to the alarm would be just as effective. The computer used as a true monitor, could be attached through a series of sensors, to record not only which door or window might be tampered with by an intruder, but the first wisps of



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smoke from a potentially damaging fire, gas fumes, or even water seepage in the basement or a roof leak.

Computer climate control, again with the appropriate installation of sensors, adjusts individual room or zone temperature and humidity, based on total environmental inputs. One hobbyist who is building a house is including sensor wiring to a home computer in his schematics.

In the garden, the computer can provide more efficient watering based on sensing sub-soil moisture content, rather than arbitrary electrical or mechanical systems controlled by time. The computer can be programmed to handle all watering chores for several weeks while the family is away on vacation, or relieve the family of this task for good.

Proper maintenance of the family car can be easily solved by the home computer. Critical inspection periods as a function of elapsed mileage can be entered in the program, then as mileage is fed into the computer weekly, or even daily. Items due are flashed on the CRT as a reminder and assembled in list format for the garage mechanic. The list also can be amended to include programs uncovered during operation, which are fed into the computer as mileage is entered.

A number of microcomputers are being sold to the electronic hobbyist, who finds challenge in building computer and board kits, doing his own programming, and applying the computer to one or more hobbies. Several advanced space or "Star Trek" games are now in use, whose format ranges from a simply equipped starship battling one aggressor to a real time space war involving several ships, exotic weapons choices — even three or more players.

Educational games are not beyond the grasp of even a five-year-old. Children find a certain fascination with the terminal keyboard and CRT screen, and the ability to make things happen on what appears to be the home TV screen.

The computer is one of the best teaching aids yet devised because it can tirelessly repeat a problem until the correct answer is given, all the time holding the child's attention. Reading skills also are enhanced as the child "talks" to the computer through the keyboard and reads the computer's answer to "rewards" such as "you're close, try again" or "nice going, want another question?"

High-schoolers find the text editor and printer a real assist in the preparation of term papers and other writing assignments. The student can work with entire blocks of copy on the CRT screen, make final edits, and turn in a paper prepared by the printer, thus eliminating endless rough drafts and the time required to prepare them.

The photohobbyist, for example, could not only maintain a slide or negative file in the computer's memory, but could use the system to monitor temperature of the various chemicals used in the development of negatives and in making enlargements. In color work, for example, chemistry must be maintained within $\pm 25^\circ\text{C}$.

Any number of collections — records, books, stamps, coins, etc. — could be filed in the computer's memory, cross-indexed as many ways as the hobbyist desires. Several new interface boards now on the market permit the computer to be used to devise designs, animation and kinetic art, in black and white as well as color. These same boards can also be used to create new patterns to be used in needlepoint, weaving or knitting.

Model railroad control, home computer robots, even Biorhythm charts for each member of the family also are possible with the home computer.

Important, too, is the positive impact personal involvement with home computers is having on the individual. As the true value of the computer is recognized for the benefits it gives the individual, the fear that we are being manipulated by machines is being lost. In its place is an understanding, respect, excitement and challenge.

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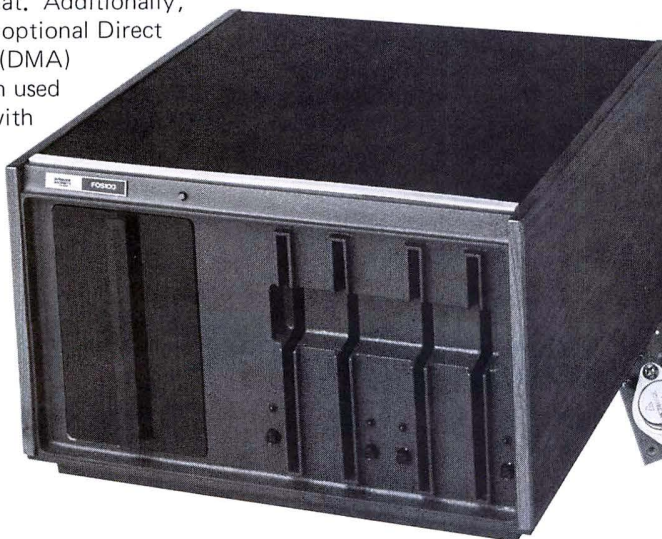
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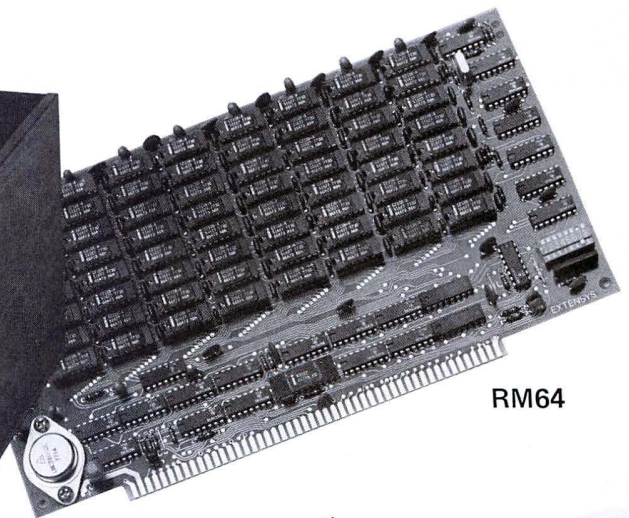
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The problem stems from the heavy frictional losses in the mechanism, particularly in the gear train. Because of these losses, motor current is high at all speeds and varies not so much with speed as with the angular position of the drive wheels. As a result, the locomotive tends to stall or jerk at low speeds with a rheostat or other types of controllers which have high output resistance. Better control can be obtained by using a controller with low output resistance, but speed fluctuations and stalling are still present with most models at low speeds.

A more recent technique¹ is to use full-voltage pulses of controlled width (possibly superimposed on DC) to obtain the desired average output. Because the pulse voltage is high enough to overcome the friction in the mechanism, stalling is no longer a problem. However, the average speed still varies with load, with the result that the locomotive will slow down suddenly when it

¹Fyffe, David, "Pure-pulse Transistor Throttle," *Model Railroader*, Vol. 32, #1 (January 1965), p. 63.

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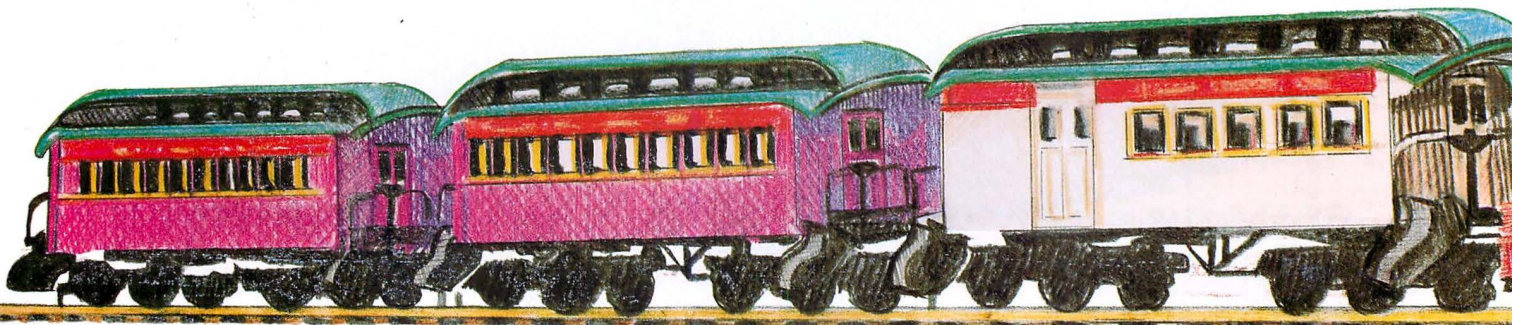
Servo techniques can be used to offset both frictional losses and load fluctuations, but a linear servo must be trimmed to compensate for each locomotive's motor resistance. The controller described here uses a combination of pulse and servo techniques to give excellent control for a wide variety of locomotives at speeds ranging down to less than 1 scale mile per hour.

Another objective in controller design is to simulate the enormous inertia of a locomotive. Many controllers do this by charging and discharging a large capacitor to obtain a slowly varying control voltage. In the present design, inertia simulation is done entirely by software, incrementing and decrementing a register to vary the speed slowly.

HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

The controller configured here uses an 8080 microprocessor with 512 bytes of ROM, a minimum of RAM (only about 16 bytes are actually used), one input port, and two output ports. The input port and one of the output ports are used in conjunction with a digital-to-analog converter (DAC), a bank of comparators, and a software analog-to-digital conversion routine to implement a cheap form of multi-channel analog input. The other output port is used to pulse the output amplifier.

The output amplifier is bipolar (complementary), allowing direction control to be done in software. As a result, the controller can be programmed so that if the reversing switch is changed while the train is running, instant reversal does not occur; instead the train will gradually slow



to a stop and then begin accelerating in the opposite direction.

Two of the analog inputs are used to measure the motor voltage, one for each direction, giving 8-bit resolution in either direction. A third analog input is used for the throttle setting, which is a voltage between 0 and 5 volts (derived from a pot). The spare bits of the input port are used for the direction switch and the brake.

Detailed schematics for the bipolar output amplifier, low-pass filter, and analog-to-digital conversion circuits are shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4.

The output is determined by the state of two bits of latched output Port 1. When bit 0 is one and bit 1 zero, transistor Q1 turns on, which in turn switches Q2 and Q3 on, giving full (nearly 12 volts) positive output. When bit 0 is zero and Bit 1 is one, Q1 is reverse-biased but Q4, Q5 and Q6 turn on, giving full negative output. When bits 0 and 1 are equal, all transistors are off and no output current results. Note that under no circumstances can both halves of the output amplifier be biased on simultaneously. Q7 and Q8 provide current limiting, turning on only if the average output current exceeds 1.4 amps or the instantaneous output current exceeds 3 amps. (Stated more exactly, Q7 and Q8 limit the magnitude of the output current I such that $.22 I + .5 I_{av} < V_{be}$.) The output clamping diodes limit inductive voltage transients from the motor when the transistors switch off.

The low-pass filter is really two simple low-pass filters, one inverting and the other non-inverting. This is done because the DAC produces an output of one polarity (+) only. When the amplifier output is positive, the non-in-

verting filter output is positive and is converted to an 8-bit (unsigned) number by the ADC routine, while the inverting filter output is negative and converts to zero. This technique avoids the offset errors which would crop up if the DAC output were offset to accommodate bipolar signals, and, at the same time, maintains 8-bit significance in the conversion.

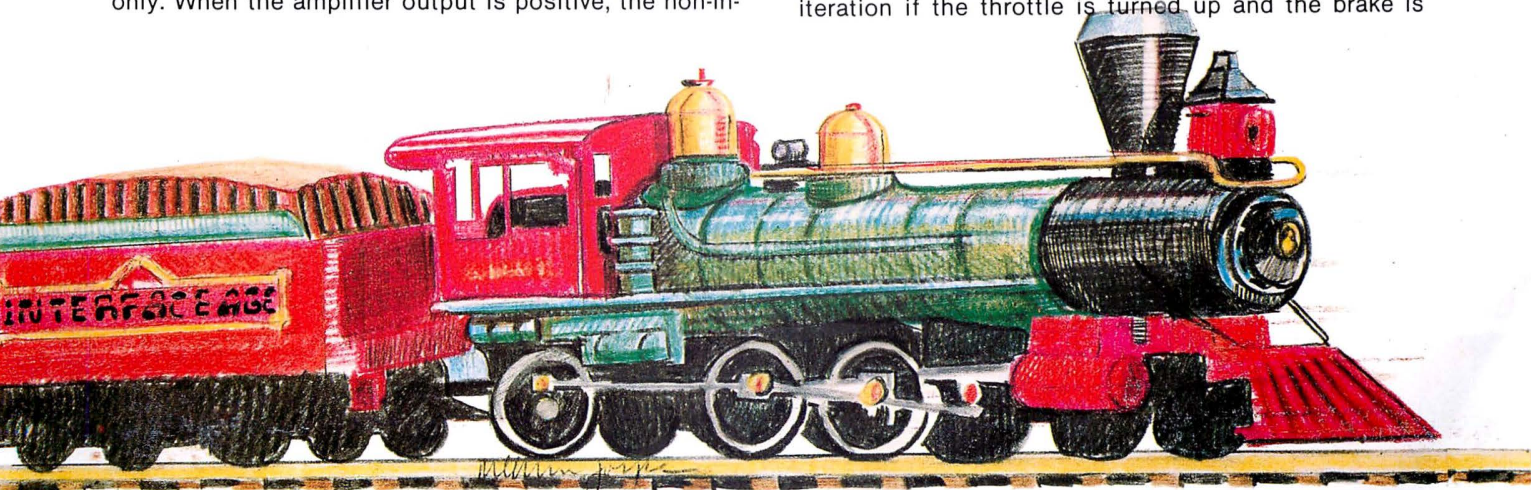
The software is described in Figure 5 as a set of APL functions. The APL notation is used because it affords a more concise, detailed description than is feasible with flowcharts.

SOFTWARE

The main program consists of an infinite loop which samples the motor voltage which, between pulses, is proportional to the speed, compares it to the desired speed, calculates how long the next pulse should be, delivers a pulse, then checks the control settings and adjusts the desired speed accordingly.

Analog-to-digital conversion is done by successive approximation (function ADC). The inputs from all but one of the comparators are ignored during any one conversion; a mask supplied as an argument to the ADC routine determines which bit is used. The next pulse width is calculated by a proportional-plus-integral control algorithm (next pulse).

The current desired speed is a 16-bit number (speed), kept in the HL register pair, of which the high-order eight bits are used in the speed comparison and pulse width calculation. The register is incremented on each iteration if the throttle is turned up and the brake is



released. If the brake is on, the register is decremented. Drag is simulated by applying a small decrement on each iteration. Negative numbers are used when the locomotive is running in reverse.

CONCLUSION

The firmware approach affords considerable flexibility in the design of a controller. Extra features can be added by simply changing the software (e.g., loss of steam pressure, running out of water or fuel, etc.). The unit can also be programmed to control two or more locomotives independently. The only additional hardware required consists of an output amplifier and three analog input channels.

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MAIN
SPEED ← 0
PULSE ← 0
LOOP:PULSE ← PULSE NEXTPULSE SPEED
DELIVER PULSE
SPEED ← SPEED + (THROT SPEED - (DRAG SPEED) - BRAKE SPEED)
+ TIMECONST
→ LOOP

P ← PULSE NEXTPULSE SPEED
P ← (0.5 × PULSE) + 2 × (SPEED - CURRENTSPEED)

VC ← CURRENTSPEED
C ← (ADC FORWARD) - ADC REVERSE

R ← ADC MASK;C
R ← 128
C ← 128
L:R OUTPUT 0
C ← C + 2
→EXIT IF C < 1
→LOW IF 0A = MASK INPUT 0
R ← R - C
→L
LOW:R ← R + C
→L
EXIT: →RET IF 0A = MASK INPUT 0
R ← R + 1
RET:
RET:

T ← THROT SPEED;D
D ← DIRECTION INPUT 0
→MAX IF 0A = 0
SPEED ← - SPEED
MAX:T ← (ADC THROTTLE) × (MAXSPEED + SPEED)
→RET IF Dv ≠ 0
T ← T
RET:
RET:

D ← DRAG SPEED
D ← 0
→RET IF SPEED = 0
D ← DRAGCONST
→RET IF SPEED > 0
D ← - DRAGCONST

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RET:
DELIVER PULSE;D;C
→NEG IF PULSE < 0
D ← FORWARD
→SH
NEG:D ← REVERSE
PULSE ← - PULSE
SH:PULSE ← 2 × PULSE
C ← 0
L: →OFF IF C = PULSE
→ON IF C = 0
L1:C ← C + 1
→L IF C > 256
→RET
ON:D OUTPUT 1
→L1
OFF:0 OUTPUT 1
→L1
RET:

B ← BRAKESPEED
B ← 0
→RET IF 0A = BRAKE INPUT 0
→RET IF SPEED = 0
B ← BRAKECONST
→RET IF SPEED > 0
B ← - BRAKECONST
RET:
RET:

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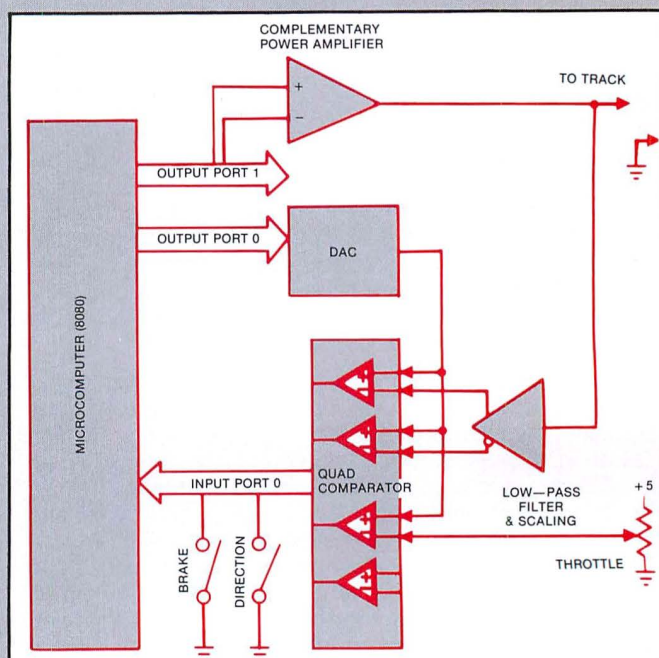


Figure 1. Hardware Configuration

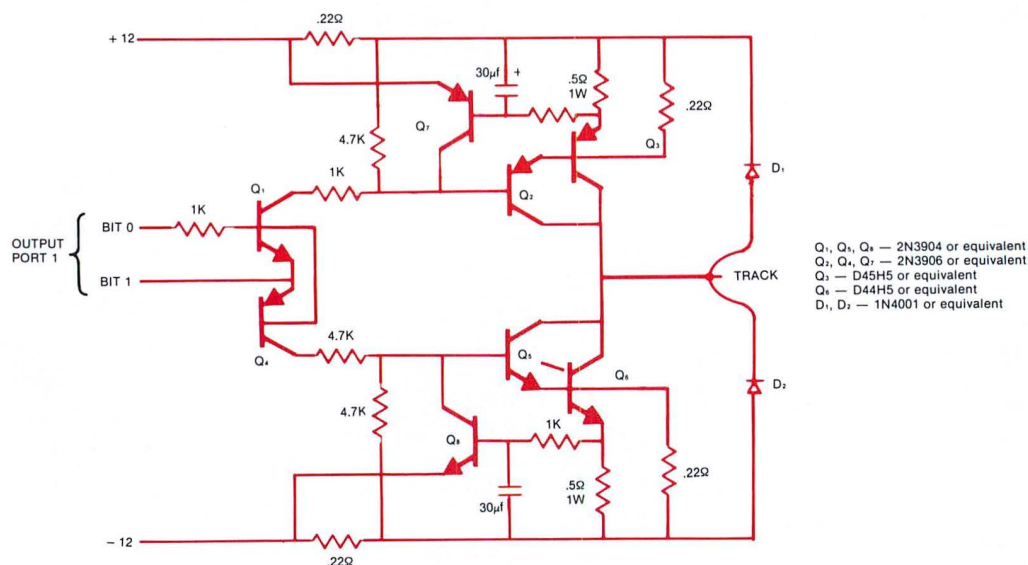


Figure 2. Output Amplifier

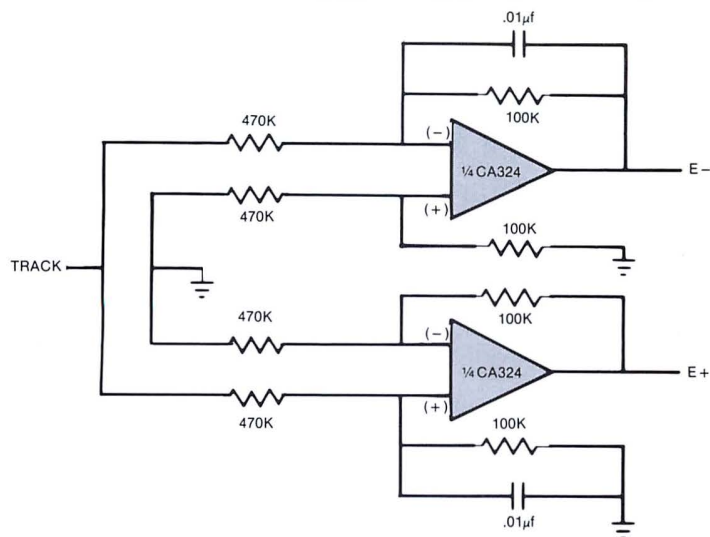


Figure 3. Low-Pass Filter

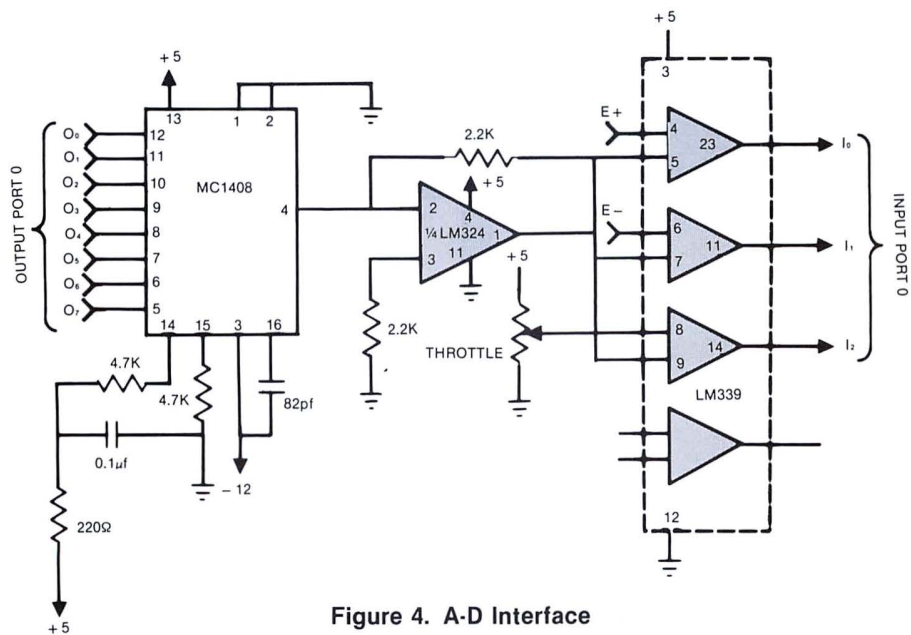


Figure 4. A-D Interface

1. The following constants are used

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TIMECONST —          256
FORWARD —           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
REVERSE —           0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
THROTTLE —          0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
DIRECTION —         0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
BRAKE —             0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
DRAGCONST —          4
BRAKECONST —         64

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2. The Function OUTPUT is assumed to output its left argument to the port whose number is given by the right argument.
3. The Function INPUT is assumed to input a byte from the port whose number is given by the right argument, and "AND" the eight bits with the left argument to produce a result.

Figure 5. Controller Algorithms

Job Cost Estimating By Random Numbers

By William C. Thompson III

The words "random number" usually bring forth images of cards, Las Vegas, illustrations in your Probability and Statistics 101 textbook (I might add — images of the Enterprise and the Klingons are also fair game.) But wait, all of you who are planning a costly project, random numbers will serve you well, too.

For, after all, random numbers are basically a mathematical image or model of the randomness of our real world. Let's examine how a project planner might use random numbers in one aspect of his work. While examining the bids on construction projects which the homeowner made over the past year, he comes to an important conclusion. Each bid made to him, though greatly different as a whole, still consists of variations of the same or similar tasks and materials. Though he can get a good grip on one variable, by the time he takes ten or fifteen more of them at once, the carefully-computed bids aren't much better than the original guesstimates. If there were only some way of restricting the work to each little variable, then cranking it into a machine to figure out how much should be bid.

If the project planner only statistically analyzes all the

bids made for all different projects, he will find that the results are almost random.

There is a way to break them all down into the same model. Handle each case as a model; crank out as many trial runs of the model as needed to provide a statistical analysis of each job, or even new jobs! Take one of the bid sheets and instead of each of the guesses, give each item a bit of room to range in. Some of these could use a wider range than others, and a few are fixed. Leave the fixed ones out for now and just add them on at the end.

Now have the computer pick a random value from each range and then use the results as if it actually built it that way. Have the computer "construct" the project as many times as needed and do a statistical analysis of the resulting data.

Now in real life, the values in the center of the range should get picked more often than the outside values, like a normal curve. On the other hand, that may be a bit restrictive — try it both ways: a normal distribution and a random distribution.

Soon the program is up and running with the following results:

Table 1. JOB COST ESTIMATING PROGRAM

NUMBER OF TRIALS = 2100
RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION? 1

ITEM NO.	LOWER VALUE	UPPER VALUE	RANGE
1	1200	1300	100
2	200	250	50
3	2300	2345	45
4	2750	3000	250
5	1800	1900	100

AVG. PROJECT COST: \$ 8519.8
WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: 25.7718

ITEM NO.	AVG. COST	STD.DEV.
1	1250.12	9.0167
2	224.934	4.51822
3	2322.42	3.93994
4	2872.38	21.7369
5	1849.94	8.87527

++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN +++++

TOTAL COST	PROB. OF OVERRUN
\$ 8431.4	99.95 %
\$ 8453.44	99 %
\$ 8469.29	95 %
\$ 8493.08	70 %
\$ 8519.8	50 %
\$ 8546.53	30 %
\$ 8570.31	5 %
\$ 8586.16	1 %
\$ 8608.2	.05 %

Table 2. JOB COST ESTIMATING PROGRAM

NUMBER OF TRIALS = 2100
RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION? 2

ITEM NO.	LOWER VALUE	UPPER VALUE	RANGE
1	1200	1300	100
2	200	250	50
3	2300	2345	45
4	2750	3000	250
5	1800	1900	100

AVG. PROJECT COST: \$ 8522.1
WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: 27.2801

ITEM NO.	AVG. COST	STD.DEV.
1	1249.77	9.09024
2	224.987	4.40634
3	2322.35	4.04412
4	2876.27	20.3578
5	1848.71	8.12129

++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN +++++

TOTAL COST	PROB. OF OVERRUN
\$ 8428.53	99.95 %
\$ 8451.86	99 %
\$ 8468.63	95 %
\$ 8493.81	70 %
\$ 8522.1	50 %
\$ 8550.39	30 %
\$ 8575.57	5 %
\$ 8592.35	1 %
\$ 8615.67	.05 %

Table 3.

JOB COST ESTIMATING PROGRAM

NUMBER OF TRIALS =?1000

RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION?1

ITEM NO.	LOWER VALUE	UPPER VALUE	RANGE
1	1200	1300	100
2	200	250	50
3	2300	2345	45
4	2750	3000	250
5	1800	1900	100

AVG. PROJECT COST: \$ 8523.61

WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: 24.7341

ITEM NO.	AVG. COST	STD.DEV.
1	1250.19	8.43583
2	224.986	4.19953
3	2322.39	3.75468
4	2875.91	21.426
5	1850.13	8.41467

++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN +++++

TOTAL COST	PROB. OF OVERRUN
\$ 8438.77	99.95 %
\$ 8459.92	99 %
\$ 8475.13	95 %
\$ 8497.96	70 %
\$ 8523.61	50 %
\$ 8549.26	30 %
\$ 8572.09	5 %
\$ 8587.3	1 %
\$ 8608.45	.05 %

Table 4.

JOB COST ESTIMATING PROGRAM

NUMBER OF TRIALS =?1000

RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION?2

ITEM NO.	LOWER VALUE	UPPER VALUE	RANGE
1	1200	1300	100
2	200	250	50
3	2300	2345	45
4	2750	3000	250
5	1800	1900	100

AVG. PROJECT COST: \$ 8522.61

WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: 24.4423

ITEM NO.	AVG. COST	STD.DEV.
1	1250.28	8.36202
2	225.028	4.30405
3	2322.29	3.82765
4	2874.41	20.6594
5	1850.59	8.24031

++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN +++++

TOTAL COST	PROB. OF OVERRUN
\$ 8438.77	99.95 %
\$ 8459.67	99 %
\$ 8474.7	95 %
\$ 8497.26	70 %
\$ 8522.61	50 %
\$ 8547.95	30 %
\$ 8570.51	5 %
\$ 8585.55	1 %
\$ 8606.44	.05 %

Table 5.

ESTIMATING PROGRAM

NUMBER OF TRIALS =?10000
RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION?2

ITEM NO.	LOWER VALUE	UPPER VALUE	RANGE
1	1200	1300	100
2	200	250	50
3	2300	2345	45
4	2750	3000	250
5	1800	1900	100

AVG. PROJECT COST:- \$ 8522.5
WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: 24.3572

ITEM NO.	AVG. COST	STD.DEV.
1	1250.01	8.37312
2	225.01	4.1619
3	2322.49	3.78222
4	2875.01	20.8411
5	1849.98	8.36827

++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN ++++

TOTAL COST	PROB. OF OVERRUN
\$ 8438.96	99.95 %
\$ 8459.78	99 %
\$ 8474.76	95 %
\$ 8497.24	70 %
\$ 8522.5	50 %
\$ 8547.76	30 %
\$ 8570.24	5 %
\$ 8585.22	1 %
\$ 8606.05	.05 %

REVIEWING THE PROGRAM

Input data are a series of ranges for costs of individual items in a proposed estimate. The microcomputer then simulates construction of the project by selecting a random cost within each range. This is done repeatedly, accumulating a statistical profile of the job. When sufficient iterations have been completed the analysis of the results is finished and results printed out.

This program serves primarily as an example, though quite useful. The techniques illustrated are even more useful. The practice of modeling, simulation and analysis can produce solutions to very complex, otherwise unassailable problems. Over a period of years as various home installation and remodeling projects are put into effect, job cost estimating by microcomputer can result in a saving of project dollars as well as a valuable record upon which to estimate the true value of your property improvements.

PROGRAM LISTING

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00100 DIM A(100,3),B(100),C(100),S(100),D(10,2)
00110 GOSUB 00920
00120 GOSUB 01020
00130 GOSUB 01190
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00140 GOSUB 00240
00150 GOSUB 00390
00160 GOSUB 00840
00170 GOSUB 00550
00180 GOSUB 00710
00190 PAGE
00200 STOP
00210 REM *****
00220 REM INPUT DATA SUBROUTINE
00230 REM -----
00240 REM NUMBER OF RANGES
00250 READ N
00260 PRINT TAB(8);"ITEM","LOWER","UPPER","RANGE"
00270 PRINT TAB(8);" NO. ","VALUE","VALUE"
00280 FOR I=1 TO N
00290 REM LOWER, UPPER VALUE
00300 READ A(I,1),A(I,2)
00310 A(I,3)=A(I,2)-A(I,1)
00320 PRINT TAB(8);I,A(I,1),A(I,2),A(I,3)
00330 NEXT I
00340 PRINT
00350 RETURN
00360 REM *****
00370 REM TRIAL RUNS OF PROJECT SUBROUTINE
00380 REM -----
00390 FOR J=1 TO M
00400 B3=B2=0
00410 FOR I=1 TO N
00420 GOSUB 01280
00430 B1=A(I,1)+Z9*A(I,3)
00440 B(I)=B1+B(I)
00450 C(I)=C(I)+B1*B1
00460 B2=B2+B1
00470 B3=B3+B1*B1
00480 NEXT I
00490 B4=B4+B2
00500 B5=B5+B2*B2
00510 NEXT J
00520 RETURN
00530 REM *****
00540 REM PRINT SUMMARY STATISTICS OF TRIALS SUBROUTINE
00550 REM -----
00560 V=B4/M
00570 PRINT
00580 PRINT
00590 PRINT TAB(8);"AVG. PROJECT COST: $";V
00600 PRINT TAB(8);"WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF: ";S
00610 PRINT
00620 PRINT
00630 PRINT TAB(8);"ITEM NO. AVG. COST STD.DEV."
00640 FOR I=1 TO N
00650 PRINT TAB(8);I,B(I)/M,S(I)
00660 NEXT I
00670 RETURN
00680 REM *****
00690 REM PRINT PROBABILITIES OF OVERRUN SUBROUTINE
00700 REM -----
00710 PRINT
00720 PRINT
00730 PRINT
00740 PRINT TAB(15);"++++ CHANCE OF OVER RUN ++++"
00750 PRINT
00760 PRINT TAB(8);"TOTAL COST","PROB. OF OVERRUN"
00770 FOR I=1 TO 9
00780 PRINT TAB(8);" $";V+5*D(I,2),D(I,1);"%"
00790 NEXT I
00800 RETURN
00810 REM *****
00820 REM CALCULATE STANDARD DEVIATIONS SUBROUTINE
00830 REM -----
00840 FOR I=1 TO N
00850 S(I)=SQR(ABS((C(I)-((B(I)*B(I))/M)/(M-1)))
00860 NEXT I
00870 S=SQR(ABS((B5-((B4*B4)/M)/(M-1)))
00880 RETURN
00890 REM *****
00900 REM PRINT HEADING SUBROUTINE
00910 REM -----
00920 PAGE
00930 PRINT
00940 PRINT
00950 PRINT
00960 PRINT TAB(20);"JOB COST ESTIMATING PROGRAM"
00970 PRINT
00980 PRINT
00990 RETURN
01000 REM *****
01010 REM INITIALIZE VARIABLES SUBROUTINE
01020 REM -----
01030 FOR I=1 TO 100
01040 B(I)=C(I)=S(I)=A(I,1)=A(I,2)=A(I,3)=0
01050 NEXT I
01060 B1=B2=B3=B4=B5=X8=0
01070 X9=-1
01080 FOR I=1 TO 9
01090 FOR J=1 TO 2
01100 READ D(I,J)
01110 NEXT J
01120 NEXT I
01130 RETURN
01140 DATA 99.95,-3.43,99,-2.575,95,-1.96,70,-1.037,50,0,30,1.037,5,1.96,1,2.575
01150 DATA 0.05,3.43
01160 REM *****
01170 REM INPUT PROGRAM PARAMETERS SUBROUTINE
01180 REM -----
01190 PRINT " NUMBER OF TRIALS =?";
01200 INPUT #
01210 PRINT " RANDOM (1) OR NORMAL(2) DISTRIBUTION?";
01220 INPUT #
01230 PRINT
01240 RETURN
01250 REM *****
01260 REM GENERATE NORMALLY DIST. OR RANDOM # 0<=Z9<=1
01270 REM -----
01280 IF NO<>1 THEN 01300
01290 Z9=RND(0)
01300 X=-6
01310 FOR KO=1 TO 12
01320 X=X+RND(0)
01330 NEXT KO
01340 Z9=X/12+.5
01350 RETURN
01360 *****
01370 REM PROGRAM HISTORY
01380 REM -----
01390 REM DESIGNED AND WRITTEN BY WM. C. THOMPSON III
01400 REM APRIL, 1977
01410 REM *****
01420 REM END OF PROGRAM
01430 REM *****
01440 REM THE FOLLOWING IS SAMPLE DATA-INSERT YOUR DATA HERE
01450 DATA 5,1200,1300,200,250,2300,2345,2750,3000,1800,1900
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10-5-9 Quad Chromatic Pitch Generator

By Roger H. Edelson, Hardware Editor

This month I've chosen an out-of-the-ordinary card on which to report — the ALF Products Quad Chromatic Pitch Generator. This card is the basic building block necessary to form a computer-controlled music system. My basic problem is that I am no musician — my last experience with a musical instrument was one semester of intanglement with a French horn in junior high instrument class which I took to escape an art appreciation course. However, one of my children does play the trumpet so I thought with his help something musical might result.

Let's take a look at the description of the 10-5-9 Quad Chromatic Pitch Generator. The first thing you will discover is that the numbers 10-5-9 have no real meaning in relation to the board; they are just ALF code numbers. Don't snicker; it took me 15 minutes of frantic reading of the manual to determine this fact. I caught on when I discovered there is a board 10-5-10 (the parallel output compatible version) and a board 10-5-11 — apparently a timing control board.

After finding out about the other boards I have a feeling this computer-controlled music could be a little like eating potato chips — it may be hard to stop after just one. In order to really do the job right you are going to need more boards — a timing board, a gain control board, probably a means for shaping the envelope of the output waveform (to achieve different instrument sounds), and maybe one or two more pitch generators in order to produce more than four different notes at the same time. Oh well, it's only money, and by the time you get through it will be much more interesting than playing Lunar Lander over and over again.

Back to the Quad Chromatic Pitch Generator — this is a single board which is intended for musical applications as an audio pitch generator. The kit I received was the full quad version which will produce four simultaneous different notes. Options are provided to allow an on-board crystal timing oscillator for producing more correct tones than available through the use of the approximately 2 MHz computer clock which is used in the zero option version. As mentioned previously, an external timing board can also be used. The board is S-100 bus compatible and will plug directly into an S-100 computer and an audio amplifier. One of the very nice features of the manual is that complete details of the S-100 signal loading and timing requirements are provided. I wish more manufacturers would include this type of information.

The board consists of two major portions — a control section and the pitch channel sections. As mentioned, the board may be purchased with from one to four of the pitch channel sections populated. The pitch channels are all independent of each other, but are identical in operation. Each channel may be programmed to produce a pitch corresponding to one of 96 possible tones: from an A natural to a G sharp. This range extends from the lowest note on the piano to one octave above the piano's range.

The control channel contains the board address selec-

tion circuitry and the top octave frequency synthesizer. The top octave synthesizer requires an approximately 2.00024 MHz frequency input. Using the S-100 bus clock still results in pitches which are within 0.1% of the A (440 Hz) frequency standard.

The address of the pitch generator may be set up using a DIP switch provided on the board. The switch is used to set the six most significant bits of the board address. Each pitch channel is individually selected by the value of the two least significant bits. 00 selects the first channel, 01 - the second channel, 10 - the third channel, and 11 the fourth channel.

Tone selection is also quite easy; the most significant bit of the outputted byte defines whether the generator is on or off. A 1 in this position produces a tone while a 0 is used for a rest. The next three bits (bits 6 through 4) define the octave to be played. 000 produces the lowest possible octave, while 111 produces the highest octave. The pitch generator thus can be seen to have an eight octave range. Finally, the four least significant bits define the note within the selected octave. A is produced by 0000, and 1011 is G sharp; 1100 and higher are not used. This provides A, B, C, D, E, F and G with the addition of A, C, D, F, and G sharp. One of the advantages of this system is that the output byte is related to the musical note rather than its frequency; therefore no lookup tables are required to find the note corresponding to the selected frequency. This feature greatly simplifies the programming of the pitch generator.

Before going into the operation of the board let's take a look at the kit and the physical aspects of the board. Starting with the manual we find it is well laid out and easy to use. Sections are provided for assembly, performance tests, operating instructions, bus requirements (very nice to have), schematic and layout diagrams, and a section dealing with the reading of sheet music.

Before you start assembly of the kit the manual directs you to check to see if all the components are present. Finally, just before your soldering iron is lifted in anger the manual points out that it is not too late — as you have not yet used any component — you can still return the kit to the suppliers and buy the assembled and tested version! Throwing *caveats* to the wind, however, I plunged head on into board assembly. An almost trivial task, it took no more than 45 minutes.

The board is fully socketed, and the installation of the sockets is the most time-consuming portion of the board assembly. About 60 other components must be assembled — about 25 capacitors, 30 resistors, one transistor and one voltage regulator. Concerning the integrated circuit voltage regulator (LM340T), no provision is made for providing even the most rudimentary heat sink for the device. While there is a large board pad at the heat sink portion of the regulator, no provision has been made to connect the IC tab to the board. A simple screw hole and 6-32 screw and nut would have been nice. I plan to modify my board by drilling this hole and adding a small "finger" style heat sink.

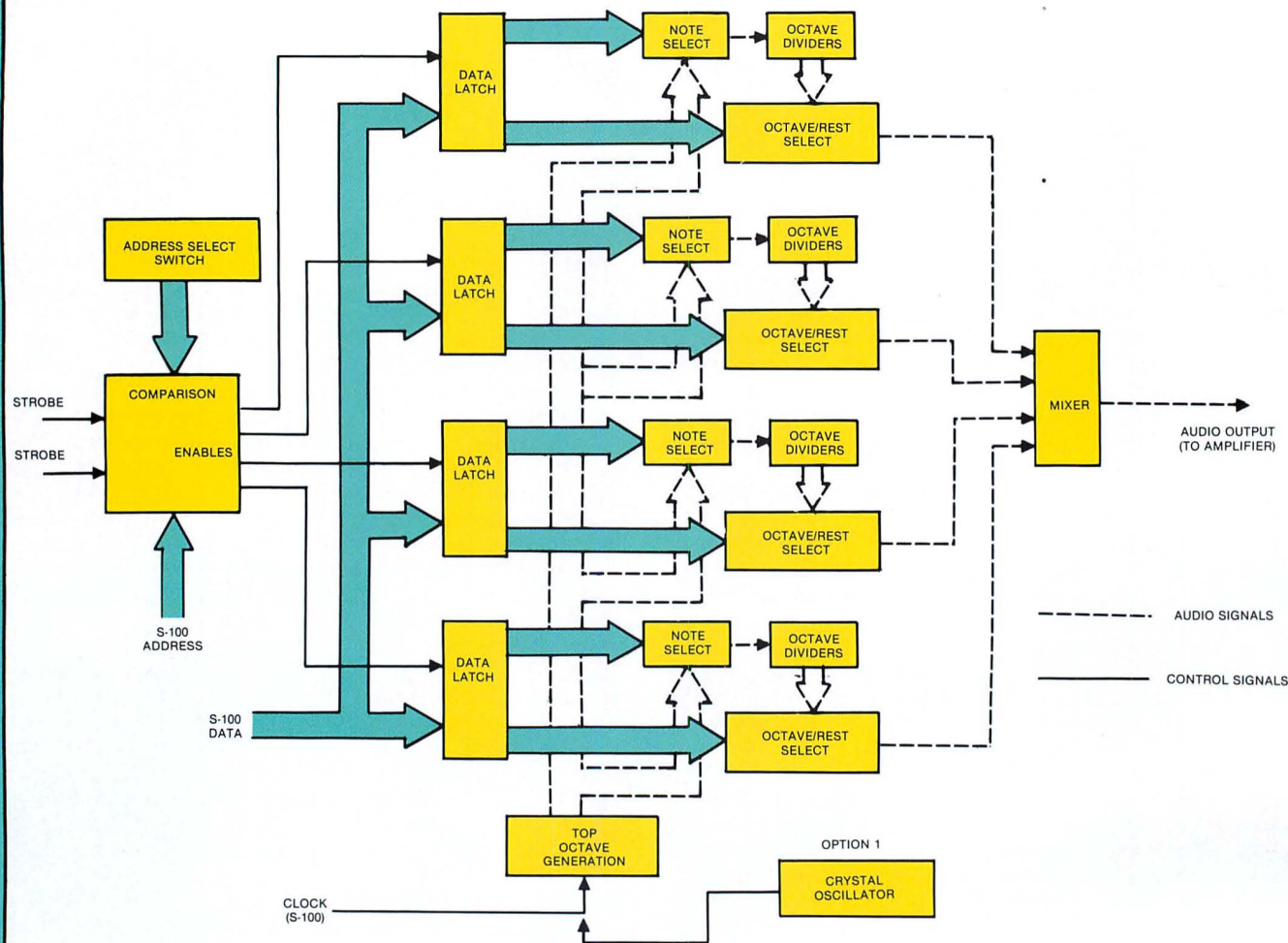


Figure 1. 10-5-9 Block Diagram

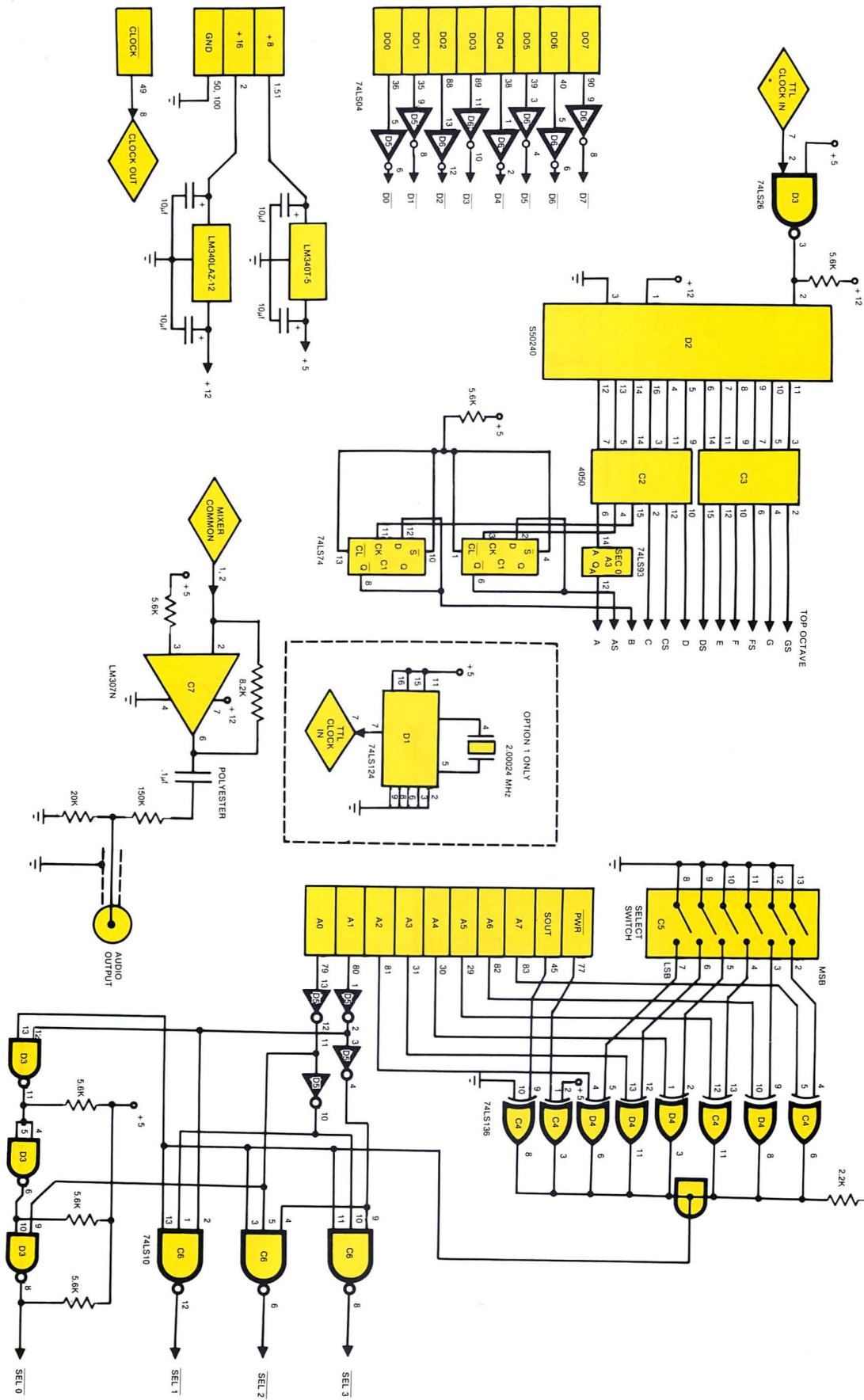


Figure 2. 10-5-9 Control Section

REAL TIME CLOCK FOR S-100 BUS

- * 1 MHZ CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR
- * TWO INDEPENDENT INTERRUPTS
- * ONE INTERRUPT USES 16 BIT COUNTER
IN 10 USEC STEPS
- * OTHER INTERRUPT IS IN DECADE
STEPS FROM 100 USEC TO 10 SEC
- * BOTH SOFTWARE PROGRAMMABLE
- * BOARD CAN BE SELECTED BY 128 DEVICE CODE PAIRS
- * COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES SOFTWARE
TO DISPLAY TIME OF DAY
- * DOUBLE SIDED SOLDER MASK
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The component identification on the board is well marked and the kit is easy to assemble. The edge board connectors are gold-plated for reliability; the printed circuit traces are tinned for easier soldering. No solder masking is provided and its presence is missed. Soldering would have been a little easier if a solder mask had been provided. The use of very thin traces for most of the signal leads minimizes the problem of solder bridges by providing a substantial pad to trace clearance.

Power routing is done with a substantial trace width, and adequate filtering is provided. As mentioned, a DIP switch is provided to setup the board address. It is a little low on the board to allow for a change of address while operating the system, but this is no particular problem. A DIP socket and header are provided to setup some of the allowable options. The manual directs you to install the ICs prior to board cleaning and inspection of the board for solder bridges, etc. I prefer to do these chores prior to the insertion of the ICs (at least when you have a socketed board). I would certainly follow my sequence with this board because of the sensitivity of ICs C2, C3 and D2 to destruction by voltage transients. The manual is very careful to caution the assembler to take the correct anti-static precautions when inserting these devices.

Having completed assembly of the board, let's proceed on to its operation. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of the 10-5-9 board, and Figures 2 and 3 are schematic diagrams of the control section and channel section respectively.

ICs C4 and D4 form a comparator finding equality between A2 through A7 of the S-100 bus Address and the 6 switches of the DIP address selection switch (C5). Additionally, two of the gates are used to AND PWR and SOUT as a strobe. The outputs (of C4 and D4) are wire-ANDed to form the enable of a 2 line to 4 line decoder network formed by ICs C6, D3 (Gates 6, 8, and 11), and

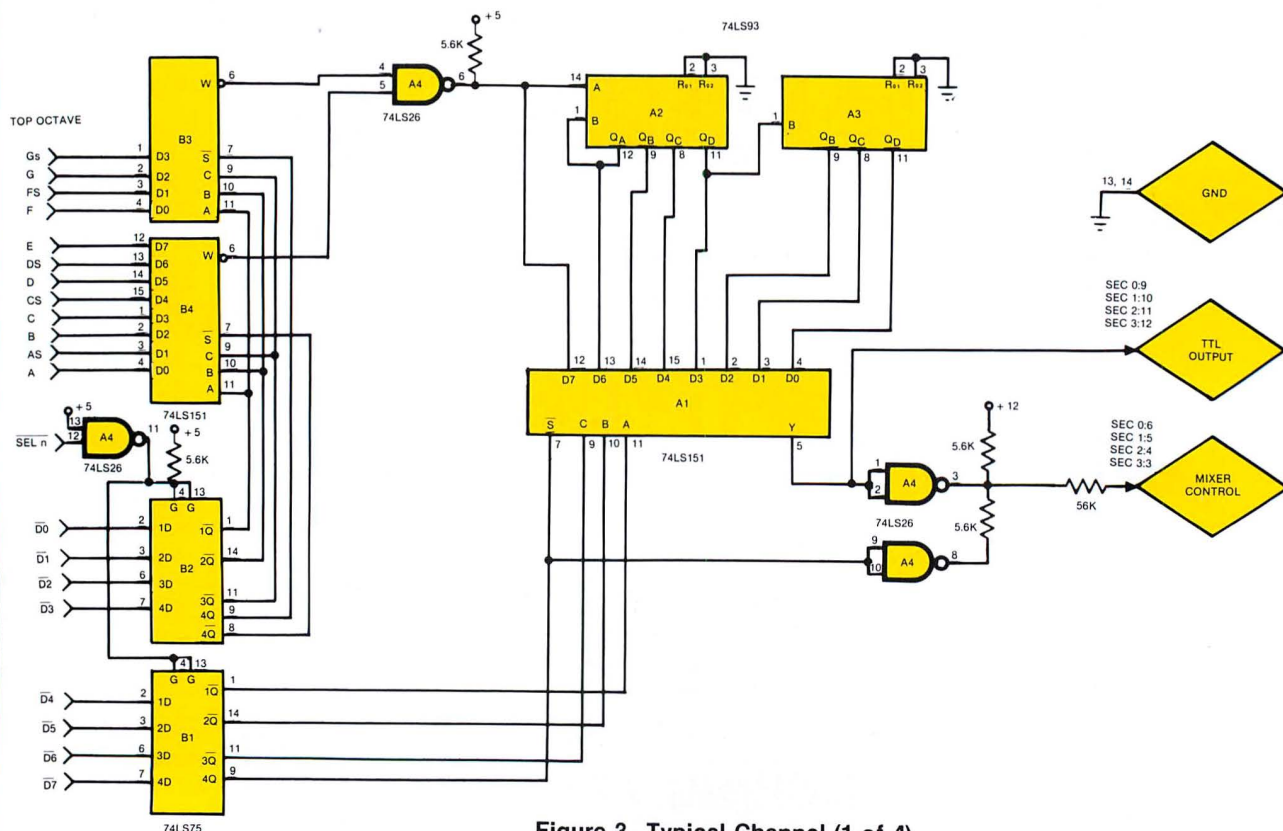


Figure 3. Typical Channel (1 of 4)

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D5 (Gates 2, 4, 10, and 12). The four outputs of the decoder form the channel selection strobes which activate the latches in each section.

The reference frequency is buffered by D3 (Gate 3), level shifted, and fed into the frequency reference of D2, a top octave frequency synthesizer. The 12 outputs of D2 are buffered by C2 and C3 which also provide level conversion (to TTL levels). The three highest frequency outputs are shifted down one octave (divided by 2) by C1 and part of A3 (from Section 0). This forms a contiguous scale which starts at A natural.

ICs D6 and D5 (Gates 6 and 8) serve to buffer and invert the S-100 data lines.

Op amp C7 is used as a four input mixer. It also provides level conversion to level requirements for audio amplifiers.

With option 1, IC D1 forms a 2.00024 MHz oscillator using a crystal as a frequency reference. The output is fed directly into pin 2 of D3 which is also connected to pin 7 of the option header. This converts pin 7 from an external clock in signal to a clock out signal. Option 1 is used when CLOCK is not 2 MHz, or when a more accurate clock is desired.

ICs B1 and B2 latch the note select data from the S-100 bus. The outputs of the latches are used to select one of the 12 top octave frequencies (ICs B3 and B4). IC A4 OR's the outputs of B3 and B4 to complete the top octave frequency selection. The output of A4 (pin 6) is divided by ICs A2 and A3 to form 8 octaves of the selected note. One of the eight signals is selected by IC A1 using select information from latch B1. Note that the S input (pin 7 of A1) is used to select a "rest" (no output) by deselecting A1. The final selected note in the proper octave is available at the Y output (pin 5) of A1 in TTL levels. Gate 3 of A4 converts this signal to proper level for the op amp mixer in the control section (see above). Gate 8 of A4 pulls the mixer input to a null point during a "rest."

One of the nice features provided by the use of the data latches is that once a channel has been directed to output a tone it will continue to produce the tone until turned off. This certainly simplifies the programming for producing notes. Also, the pitch generator is inactive when an input command is issued. This means that it may be assigned the same address as a teletype (or another device) and the board would play the output to the teletype. The parity bit would somehow have to be set to a one for all characters to avoid rests.

Once you have your board built all that needs to be done is to connect it to a suitable amplifier system. However, please be careful to follow the instructions on the grounding of the two systems. At this point the manual instructs you to follow the performance tests in the exact order given to avoid possible damage to the board. A quick run through the performance tests will demonstrate if the board is functioning correctly. Luckily mine did, because no troubleshooting information is provided. The board is not so difficult in conception that it should be a problem to fix. As in all cases first check for solder bridges and incorrect part placement. As I said earlier, the kit is easy to build so you should have no difficulty.

For those of us who managed to flunk instrument class ALF Products has included a six-page section on reading sheet music. While this section is not entirely comprehensive, nor could it be in just six pages, it is more than sufficient to lead the novice to a point where he could translate sheet music into a computer program for the pitch generator.

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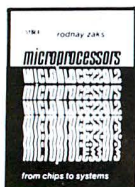
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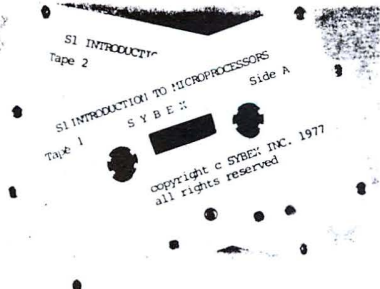
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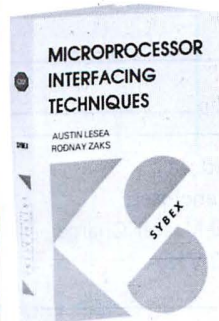
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THE BYTE SPY

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Because of their dynamic characteristics and for other reasons, many microprocessors are difficult to single-step. If the speed penalty is no problem, then self-emulation can be used to debug programs, but where the debugging must be done in real time, problems can develop. The device proposed here should help to ease these difficulties.

The basic idea is that a "map" of the memory is presented to the user and when any 256-byte page is being accessed by the microprocessor, an LED beneath that part of the map is lit. Since there are 65536 bytes accessible to the processor, there are 256 pages of 256 bytes each. Each of these pages requires one LED and thus 256 LEDs are called for. At 10¢ per LED, this puts the cost in LEDs alone at over \$25; this seems a good deal but the utility provided by the device outweighs this cost. However, an economy version is also presented but this lacks some of the ease of use of the full version.

Reference to Figure 1 will reveal the block diagram of the full device. This is almost self-explanatory but a few words are in order. The two high nybbles of the address bus are buffered and fed to 4-bit to one of 16 decoders. These feed LED drivers which drive the rows and columns of a 16 x 16 array of LEDs. This behaves rather like a multiplexed 7-segment display. Only one of the

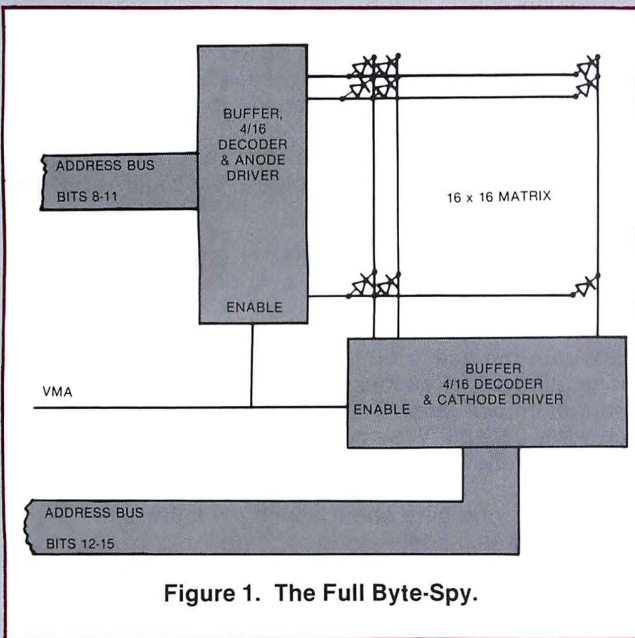


Figure 1. The Full Byte-Spy.

devices is on at any time but because they are accessed so rapidly, any which are briefly on appear to be on continuously. In a 6800 system, VMA being high indicates that there is a valid address on the bus. In systems using other microprocessors, the signal with the same function should be selected or constructed.

Figure 2 shows the economy version. The principle is the same but the number of LEDs is reduced from 256 to 32 by having only one in each row and column. This version is useful if the micro is locked up in an endless loop in a single page but if the number of LEDs lit on either side of the matrix exceeds one, the display becomes ambiguous but can still provide useful information.

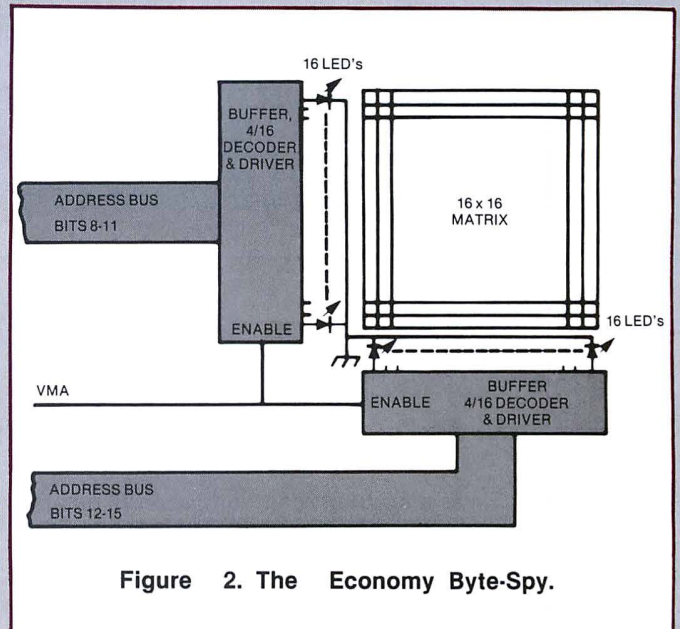


Figure 2. The Economy Byte-Spy.

If more detailed information is needed, the inputs can be switched, using data selectors (74157), between the two higher and the two lower nybbles of the address. Under any circumstances, the LEDs can be placed under a plexiglass panel and the areas of available memory allocated to various functions marked on it as in Figure 3.

In summary, users of the 6502 (etc.) could "AND" the VMA signal with SYNC to enable the drivers to display only where OP-CODES are fetched from, not data etc. If included, the feature should be switchable to give the facility of either mode.

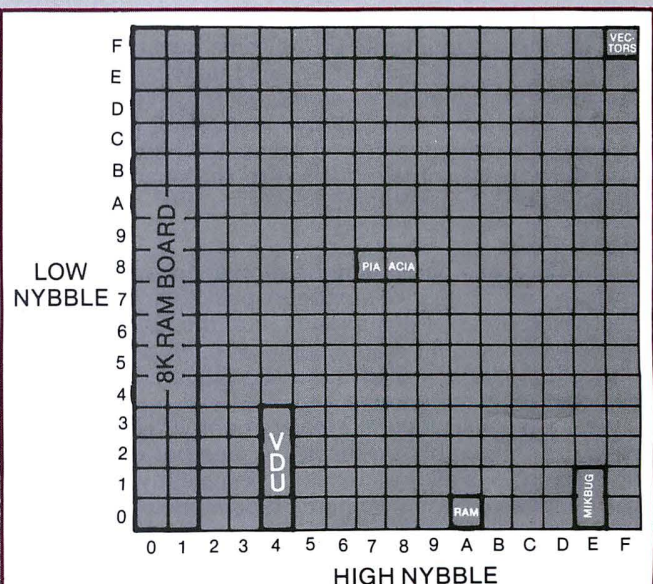
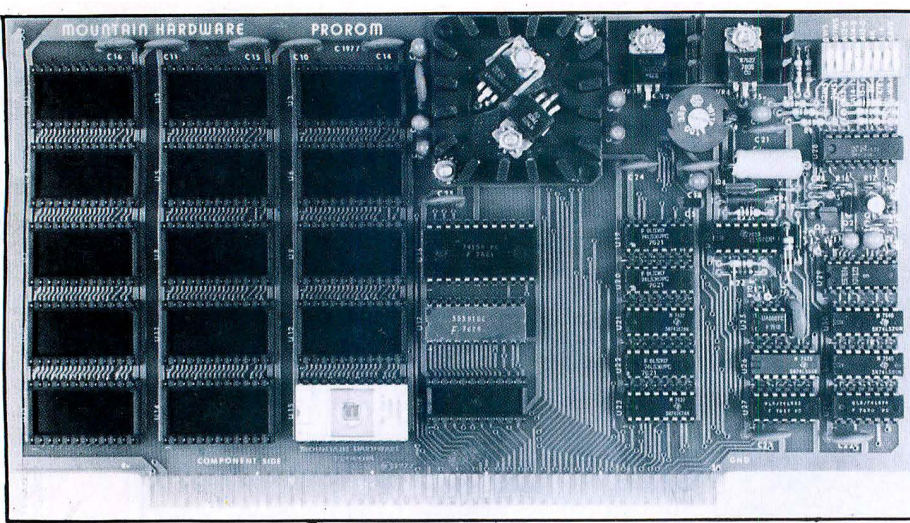


Figure 3. A typical memory map for use with the Byte-Spy. Note that the sides are in accordance with the conventino used with Cartesian co-ordinates, i.e. first (high) figure on the bottom.



I found this kit to have an excellent board, everything else first quality and good documentation written in clear and direct English.

Review of PROROM Board

By Chris Terry

The PROROM is a kit that I can unreservedly recommend. Much forethought and good engineering has gone into its design and production; good documentation is supplied with it, and both Mountain Hardware and Charlie Pack, who wrote the monitor, are courteous and very helpful if a telephone call is necessary. The monitor has one outstanding feature that deserves special notice.

MATERIALS

The PC board is of excellent quality. The layout is clean, with no jumpers. The contact fingers are gold-plated and the board is solder-masked. Sockets are supplied for all ICs. The position and designation of every component are silk-screened onto the component side; other helpful features are outlines of transistors to show orientation, and the use of square pads to indicate pin 1 of IC sockets or cathodes of diodes or positive leads of electrolytic capacitors.

The other materials are of the same quality. The electrolytics are the tantalum type, and the 14-pin and 16-pin sockets have gold-plated contacts. The 24-pin sockets for the EROMs supplied in my kit were not gold-plated, but were of good quality and presented no problems at all either while soldering them to the board, or when time came to insert EROMs.

ASSEMBLY

Checking and parts identification are easy tasks. The parts in each of the five numbered packages are listed in ascending order of designation, and the list shows the quantity, value, and color-coding of each part. In addition a full parts list in strict alphanumeric order of designation is included.

Assembly instructions are very good. It is refreshing to find a thoroughly professional piece of documentation which says all that needs saying clearly and directly. The writer obviously regards language as a precision tool to be respected. He considers a good document as an indispensable part of a good piece of equipment.

With the aid of the instructions, I was able to complete assembly in two and a half hours, clean-up and inspection in twenty minutes, voltage checks in ten minutes, and IC insertion (3 EROMs, 16 other ICs) in twenty minutes.

Particular attention is paid to the area round the 55V programming voltage generator and switching circuits, where components are closely spaced and mounted vertically; for this area an enlarged drawing is supplied, on which the component designations and orientation are highlighted.

The only instruction with which I disagree is the direction to insert all of the vertically-mounted components in the board before soldering. I tried this with one row, and found that after bending the leads slightly to keep them in place, the forest of spikes on the solder side made it difficult to place the iron at the angle I wanted. I inserted the remainder one at a time, double-checked the value and placing, and soldered and cut the leads before going on to the next.

TESTING AND OPERATION

The testing and operating section of the manual is again clear and very informative. I experienced no problem in performing the voltage checks; indications were all within the specified tolerances. All the EROM positions allowed a successful memory dump from the monitor chip. A failed 74LS20 gate delayed my testing of the *write* capability, since it triggered the programming voltage whenever the board was addressed in the unprotected mode. A call to Mountain Hardware clarified the function of one gate about which my knowledge of the S-100 bus was inadequate to explain. I then had no problem finding the failed chip with a logic probe and replacing it in five minutes. The theory section of the manual gives a good general picture of how the circuits work, and is normally quite adequate. However, for troubleshooting involving timing, you need detailed information on the S-100 bus signals from the Altair or IMSAI manual — or a telephone call to the manufacturer will get you help.

ERASING AND PROGRAMMING

The extra EROMs that I bought with the board came filled with FF, presumably left over from the manufacturer's test. I had some trouble getting them erased. None of the computer stores in the city had an eraser, and the two club members I thought of were both away. When I tried to buy a UV tube and ballast, electrical supply stores either looked totally blank or demanded a

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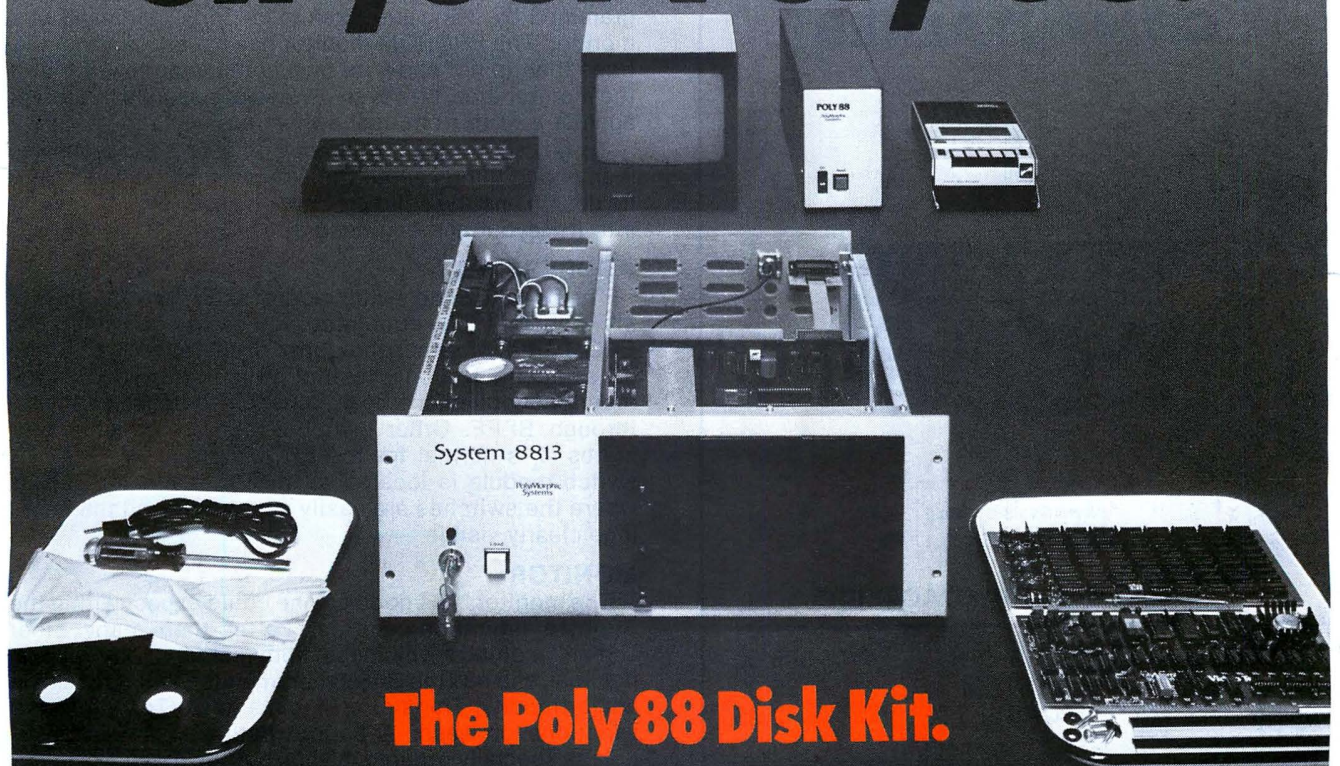
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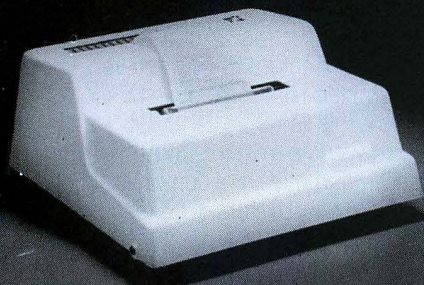
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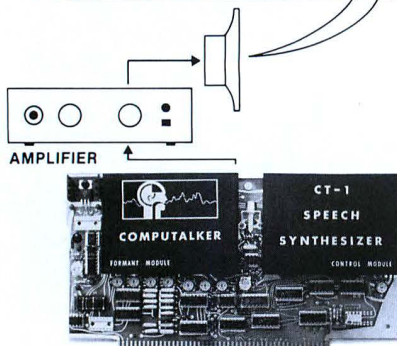


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parts number with which to order one, suggesting delivery time of six weeks. Neither did lamp catalogs produce information. Eventually I took the advice of the PROROM manual and contacted a Byte Store twenty miles out of New York; I was lucky, and secured what seems to be the only eraser within a 60-mile radius of the city. To avoid similar frustration, I suggest that you get your eraser — or have your EROMs erased — before you start construction of the PROROM. Also, if you know the parts numbers of suitable tubes, tell your local club.

The ease of assembly tells you something about the creativity of the design and the solid production experience of its designers.

Once this obstacle was overcome, I erased my EROMs, plugged them into the board, put the board into the system, and assembled the first routine: a tape loader for my 2K monitor, which was set up to jump to the monitor on completion of the load. The assembly was clean, so I opened the protect switch and started the assembly over. The address lamps progressed steadily up the programming area, interspersed with wild flashes from the assembler activity; when it stopped, I re-protected the PROROM board, then dumped the contents of memory where the loader should be. Immediately it was all there, no errors, 1/4-second per byte for the programming. It was as easy as that! In fact, care must be taken never to unprotect the PROROM unless you actually wish to program, because any operation that writes into the EROM area will burn a byte if the board is unprotected. A single byte, for example, can be programmed by using the Examine/Modify command of a monitor. The PROROM monitor has special survival routines that do not allow its own commands to write over the monitor area; however, it was not possible to protect against a write from user software.

To get so complex a board going so easily tells me many good things about the creativeness that went into its design and the solid production experience that went into its layout and engineering.

ADDRESSING

The board can be switch addressed at any multiple of 8K; if it is not fully populated, you can switch-select the EROM area for either the upper or the lower half of the 8K segment. The only restriction is that if you use the monitor supplied, the board must be addressed for A000 through BFFF. Other switches allow 0, 1, or 2 wait states (0 is normal for the EROMs supplied). The DIP switch module is located at the top rear of the board where the switches are easily accessible and the markings clearly visible.

MONITOR

The monitor is as good as one could expect within the 512-byte limitation, and far better than many other "small" monitors which use more memory. It talks hexadecimal, and has the BASIC commands Display, Examine and/or modify, Transfer a Block, and Go To, with some variations on each. A source listing is not supplied unless specially ordered (\$3.50), but the manual lists the addresses and requirements of a number of utility sub-routines that can be called by user-written programs.

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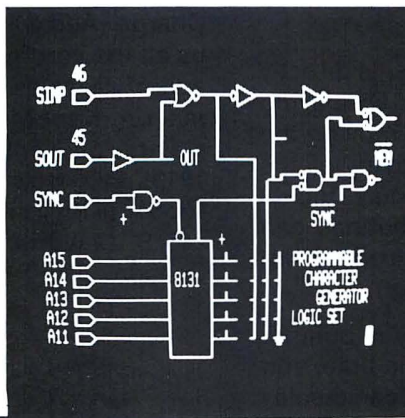
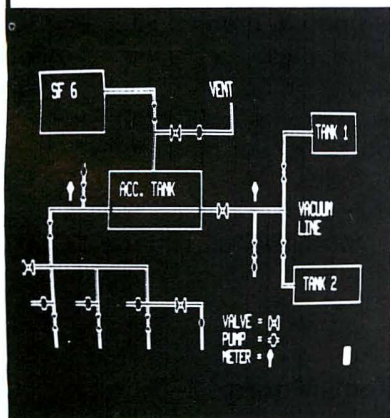
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Make the Tarbell Cassette Interface Operational

By James R. Schmidt

Most low-cost cassette recorders utilize a condenser microphone input into the recorder and lack auxiliary inputs. This common configuration presents several problems to the computer hobbyist. First, the T²L interface level must be reduced in amplitude to less than 30 mv, i.e. that of the condenser microphone. Second, the tone control is often common with the microphone on-off switch, whereby ambient noise may be modulated with the input data. To eliminate these problems the output section of the interface board may be modified as shown in Figure 1. The 1K pull-up resistor was added to reduce output level dependency upon the characteristics of the output gate. R10 and R11 were then chosen to provide an acceptable level to drive a recorder with an auxiliary input. The 220K resistor attenuates the digital signal to an acceptable level for the condenser microphone input/ALC circuit. The capacitor in parallel with the 220K resistor was added to accent the high frequency content of the digital signal into the cassette recorder. Since condenser microphones require a D.C. bias for operation, the built-in microphone was disabled simply by disconnecting the bias supply at the switch mounted on the tone control. Now that the cassette recorder is capable of reproducing an acceptable copy of the input, the Tarbell board may work.

The intent of the circuitry associated with the non-inverting input to the 8T20 comparator is to add a small amount of hysteresis to the input detection circuit to improve noise immunity. The problems associated with the input are twofold and directly related. The assumption that the output of the recorder will be an exact duplication of T²L levels from the cassette interface implies that a logic one will be greater than 2.4 volts and a logic zero will be less than 0.4 volts. Thus the mean level is 1.4 volts as shown in Figure 2. Resistors R1 and R3 shift the hysteresis bias level to $1.4 + 0.5$ volts when CR1 is reversed biased. R2 was changed to provide a hysteresis bias level of $1.4 - 0.5$ volts when the diode is forward biased (Figure 3). With this modification all

spurious responses within the limits of 1.4 ± 0.5 volts will be rejected. In order to insure operation the inverted input to the comparator must be biased to 1.4 volts. Although this is the intent of the Tarbell interface, it requires the reference circuit of the 8T20 to be at its nominal value.

The Signetics specs note a maximum of 2.0 volts and minimum of 0.8 volts which will render the circuit non-operational. (In accordance with Murphy's Law mine was 2.0 volts.) To correct this problem Ra and Rb (Figure 4) were installed to provide the proper bias level and decoupled via Rc. With these modifications reliable operation of the Tarbell cassette should ensue.

The reliability of data transfer can be further improved by using a reel-to-reel or cassette deck. The deck offers the advantages of no ALC circuitry present to cause distortion, level monitoring of the recorded signal, improved frequency response, improved speed stability, a counter, higher input levels for noise immunity, and power line isolation. Most important is cost; you probably have one for your stereo system.

Since the typical "line" output level of a deck is 1 Vpp, an amplifier is required to produce amplitude sufficient to drive the 8T20 with its hysteresis bias. I chose to use a LM3900 because of its single ended low voltage supply requirements and 50¢ cost to provide the amplification. For a minimum input of 1 Vpp, I wanted the OP amp to produce its maximum output. Since the LM3900 maximum output clamps at $V_{CC} - 1.0V$, then the gain had to be on the order of 4-6. With the circuit of Figure 5 any input over 855 mv clamps the output of the LM3900 at 4V.

Since the hysteresis of the 8T20 is set up for a center of 1.4V (T²L signal levels), pin 6 should swing between 2.8 and 0 V. Noting that the differential impedance of the 8T20 is 2K, R103 was calculated to be 1.25K. The circuit of Figure 5 in conjunction with soldering wires in all the "plated thru holes" of the Tarbell board and using a reel-to-reel recorder has produced a unit of high reliability.

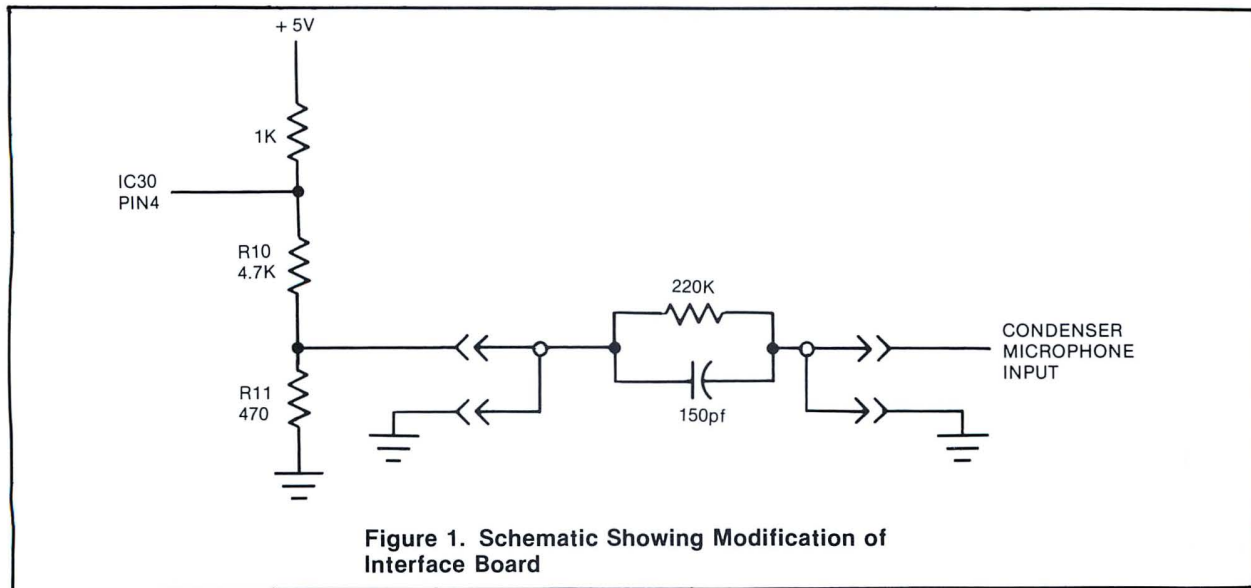


Figure 1. Schematic Showing Modification of Interface Board

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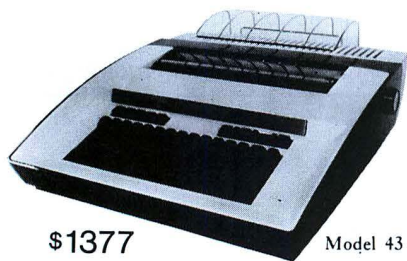
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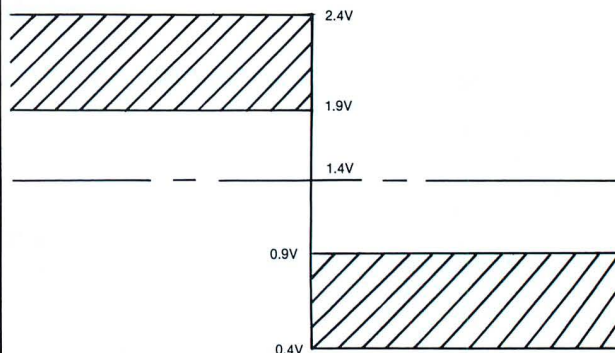


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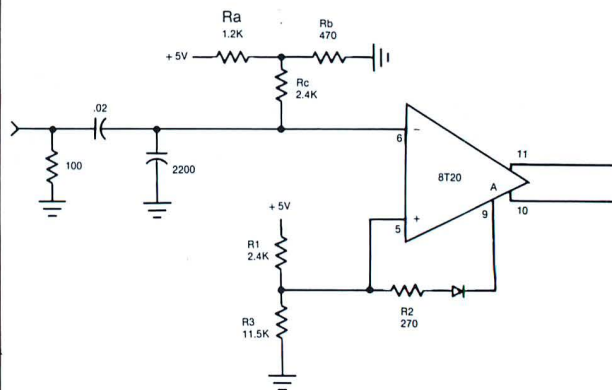


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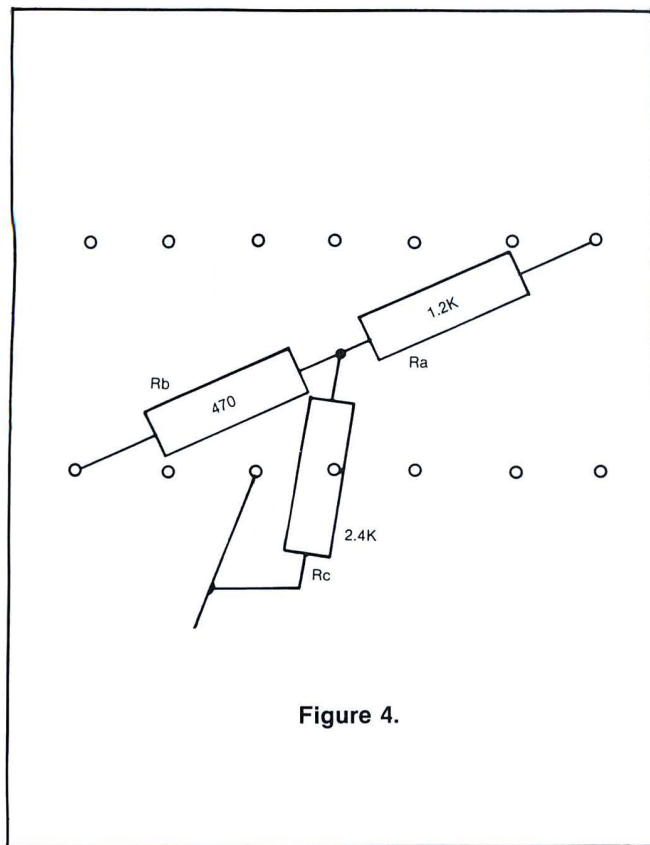


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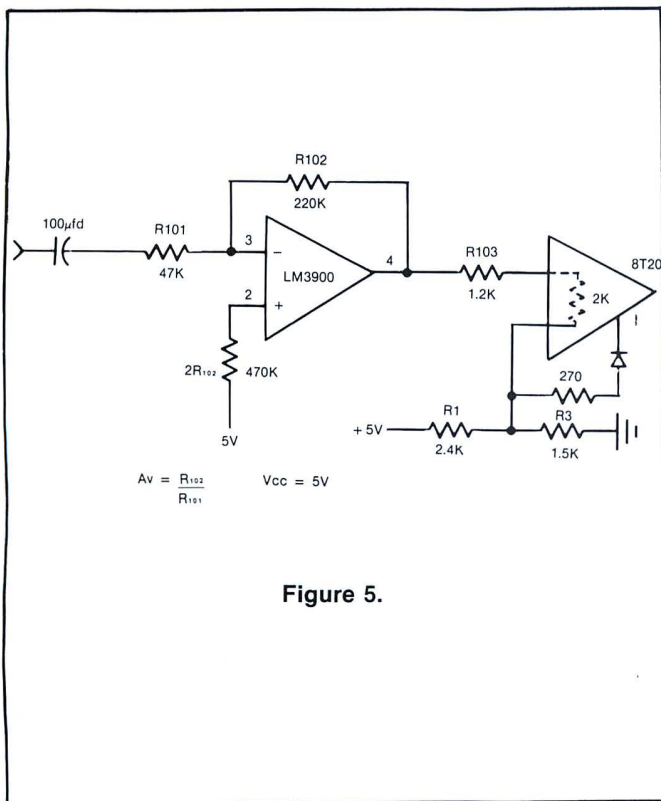
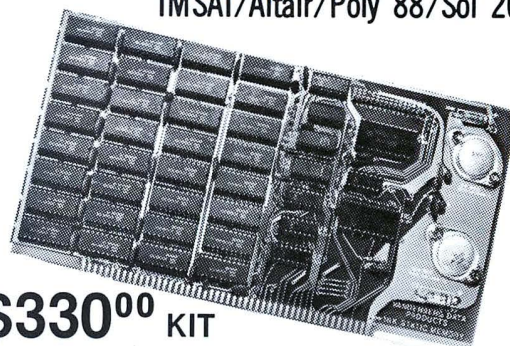


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UP YOUR TERMINAL

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Owners of the Burroughs Model 9350-2 terminal know that it is indeed beautiful equipment, but putting it into service with the average computer poses some very sticky problems. The problems can be approached through *special software* to provide the line protocol demanded by the machine, but this will never provide a true, immediate response nor conversational mode of operation because of buffer delays. The software required is also extensive to say the least and, of course, will be different for every type of CPU on the market now or in the future.

I chose to solve the problem through hardware modification. This has provided very satisfactory results, though a great deal of time was spent tracing and studying the unit to find everything needed to develop the modifications (mods). The mods themselves are relatively simple; a UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver(Rx)/Transmitter(Tx)) IC is used with five other common TTL ICs to do the job.

Before describing the mods, I would like to discuss a few points which I feel are helpful to the project.

It's good, though probably not necessary, to start with a known sound unit. An ASCII keyboard was used with a UART to test the prototype at its design baud rate of 150. It was found to respond perfectly to all the control codes used in the scheme of protocol, i.e. DC-1, DC-2, ACK, NAK, ETB, ETX and the special LRC code.

If anyone wishes to use the machine with a parallel interface to a computer, the mods can be somewhat simplified, although some sort of handshaking circuits will be required. This is not discussed here. I chose TTL level serial I/O because I wanted to talk to two home computers, both with TTL level serial I/O, and to a TTL level Modem and Tape Recorder. The latter, incidentally, is *extremely* useful in testing the unit. Most modern computers (and others) with serial I/O transform to TTL levels at some point in the circuit. These points (i.e. Tx and Rx) can usually be easily accessed. With the situation described above, there is no reason to use RS-232 voltage levels or Teletype current levels. Circuits are available for interfacing either or both, but they are beyond the scope of this article.

One of the computers used with the terminal is an M6800 microprocessor which employs MIKBUG*, a software UART, loader and diagnostic program — a *beautiful* piece of firmware. Since tabs (HT) and carriage returns (CR) on the Burroughs terminal are slow, the standard Teletype serial bit-stream pattern of 110 baud, 10

characters/sec was chosen — primarily to slow down data flow. For example, when MIKBUG sends a CR, it also sends a line feed, a DC-4, and three NULLS to allow time for the CR function to be completed before it types its characteristic.* Approximately 60 characters can be typed on a line using MIKBUG delays without loss of data caused by CR's. This is more than adequate for MIKBUG functions. If longer lines of type are needed, additional delays can easily be provided by software.

I developed a numbering scheme to systematize tracing and to document the mods. With the control box main cover removed, stand the unit on a table so that the cards can be seen on upper left, connectors to card reader and printer on upper right and power supplies on lower right. Cards are numbered #1 through #13 from left to right. Pull any card except #7 and #8 (these two cards do not use ICs). Hold the card with edge connector *up* and with IC tops facing the observer, then;

CONNECTOR PINS: (Note some cards are marked this way)

Pin 1 through pin 40 run left to right on *back* of card.

Pin 41 through pin 80 run left to right on *front* of card.

I.C.s:

Rows are lettered A, B, C, D, etc. from top to bottom

I.C.s in each row are numbered 1,2, 3, etc. from left to right and spaces are *not* counted. All ICs use *standard* 14-pin numbering.

The mods will not be presented in "Heathkit" form. Some reasonable experience with electronic circuitry is essential. Furthermore, only essentials will be given. As an example, such things as pin connections on the mod board are purely arbitrary and will not be specified. It will help if the individual who implements the mods is the type of person who can "figure things out." Several minor problems were encountered with the typewriter.

The modifications to be described actually involve *only the control box*. The question may arise as to why this large, cumbersome box was retained for use. The answer is simple. While it is certainly possible to make the typewriter alone fit into a mod of this sort, the following facts dictated the use of the control box:

*Motorola MCM6830L7 ROM of the M6800 series of components

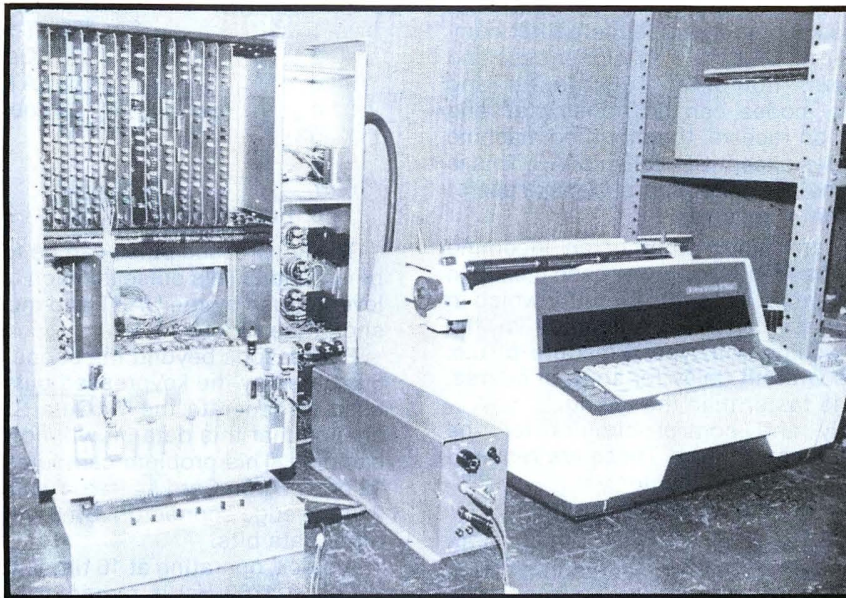


PHOTO 1. Time-out mod on Board #7. Note jumper strapping test point to ground.

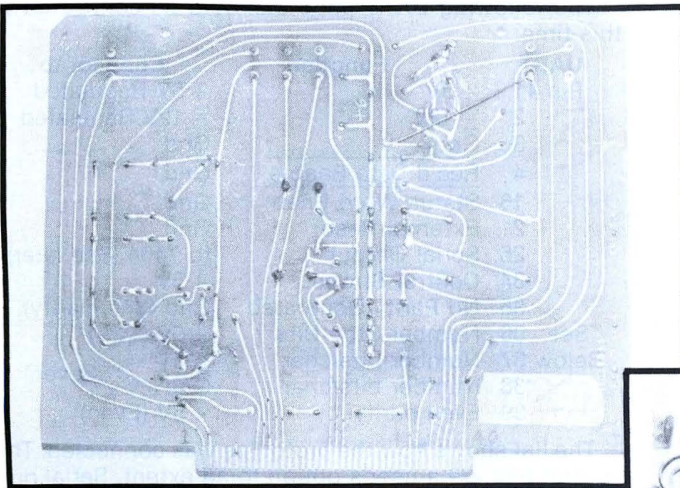


PHOTO 2. Prototype board containing UART circuitry.

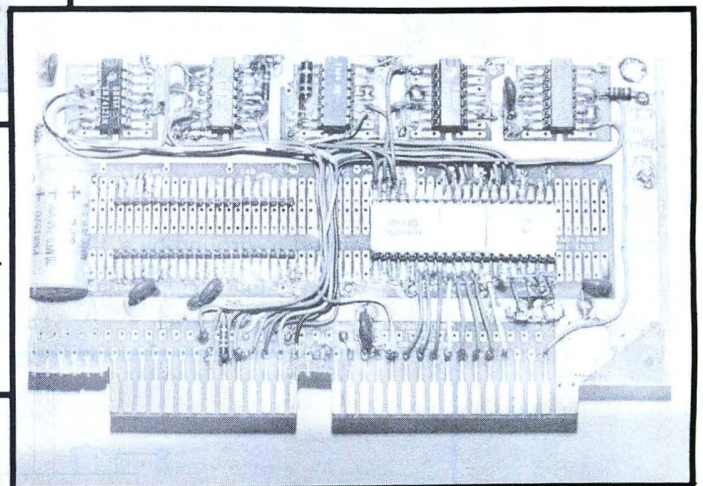
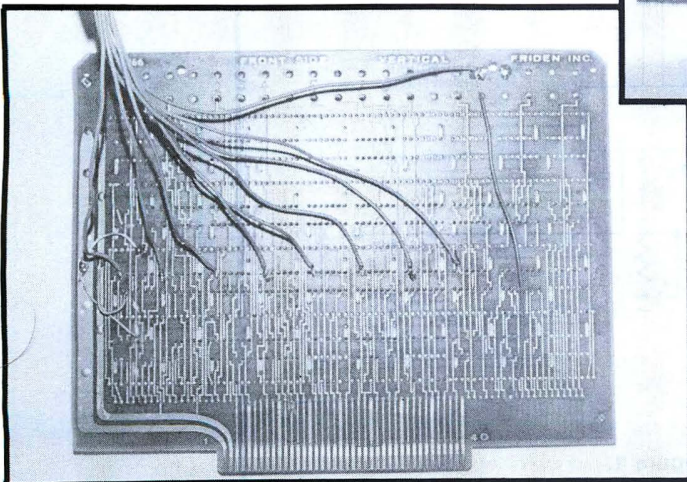


PHOTO 3. Fully encoded ASCII parallel data is brought out from Card #4.



A. Keyboard data is *not* fully encoded in the typewriter. The mod accesses keyboard parallel data after complete 128 character ASCII encoding. Upper case and lower case letters, numbers, punctuation and (almost) all control codes can be transmitted and received although, on receive, the modified machine ignores control codes except CR, SP and TAB. This is not a problem — the computer can still make use of *all* control codes that it receives.

B. The logic which determines whether an incoming character is upper case (u.c.) or lower case (l.c.) is in the control box. The mod uses this circuitry which in turn actuates the u.c. and l.c. solenoids in the typewriter. The machine will type a mixture of u.c. and l.c. characters without delay for shift, of course, because the shift is faster than the typing.

C. The power supply and control circuits for the typewriter are in the control box. These are required for proper operation of the typewriter.

D. Power for the mods is taken from the control box.

Please note that the mods, as presented here: (1) do *not* provide for the use of the card reader, and (2) completely bypass the delay line memory which is a part of the original terminal.

Before proceeding with the Tx and Rx mods, the time-out clock should be disabled by grounding the green test point on board #7. Even the software troops, who choose to pacify the machine with line protocol, will like this.

If the reader has a proto-board, he may wish to "lash-up" the mods experimentally before implementing a hard-to-change, final design. This is certainly recommended.

MODIFICATION FOR TRANSMIT MODE OPERATION

Fully encoded ASCII parallel data is brought out from Card # 4.

Data Bit #	IC	IC #	Comments
1	Pin #2	B8	Bring leads out to
2	2	B7	added edge con-
3	2	B6	nectors. Bit 8 is not
4	2	B5	used in the proto-
5	2	B4	type.
6	2	B3	
7	2	B2	
Optional 8 (parity)	2	B1	

Each data line should be **shunted** to ground by a 10k resistor to reduce signal voltage to slightly less than +5V for use by the UART (Control box circuits use +6V). Data lines then feed directly to the UART:

Data Bit #	UART	Comments
1	Pin #26	The UART used is a
2	27	General Instrument
3	28	AT-5-1013 (A), available
4	29	surplus for about \$6.00.
5	30	
6	31	
7	32	
8 if used	33	

The keypressed pulse can be found on Card #4, IC A7, pins 1 and 2. This pulse is much too wide and too high in level for use by the UART and must be shaped by a one-shot. (See Figure 1.)

For reasons beyond the scope of this article, data bit 6 is gated by the keypressed pulses. Since this pulse is used to generate the Tx Data Strobe pulse, there is a chance that this data bit will not be up and ready when sampled. This problem can be alleviated by cutting pin 12 of IC B1 on Card #4 free. *Jumper* this pin to +6V (pin 2 of the edge connector). Bit 6 will now come up with the other data bits.

A clock, operating at 16 times the serial bit rate (i.e. 16 x 110 = 1760 Hz) is required for Tx and Rx. A recommended, self-starting circuit is given. (See Figure 2.)

The following UART pin #'s should be connected at this time:

UART	Function	Connect to
Pin #1	+5V	+5V Regulated
2	-12V	-12V Regulated
3	Gnd	Gnd
4	Rec'd Data Enable	Gnd
16	Status Word Enab	Gnd
21	External Reset	Gnd
25	Serial Output	to 7404 (See later)
34	Control Strobe	+5V
35	No Parity Generated	Gnd (Yes, parity)
36	Number Stop Bits	+5V (Two)
37	Number bits/char	+5V (Seven)
38	Number bits/char	Gnd
39	Even parity	+5V (Even)

The list shows how the prototype was connected. The control bits are a user's option to an extent. Serial output from the UART should be buffered (See Figure 3.)

MODIFICATION OF POWER SUPPLY

Looking into the power supply with the control box oriented as described earlier (i.e. power supply lower right), three large electrolytic capacitors will be seen. To obtain +5V and -12V for use by the mods connect as indicated. (See Figure 4.) These are *add-on's*. The unit's power supplies are to be left intact.

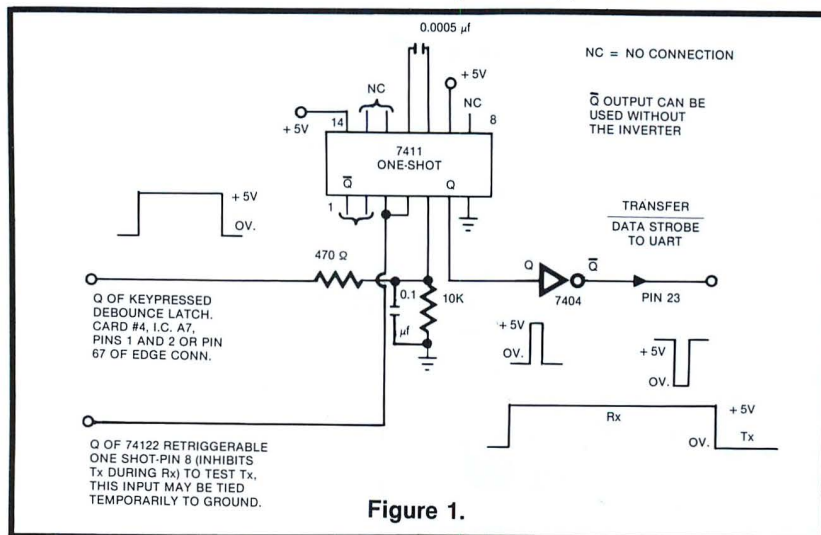


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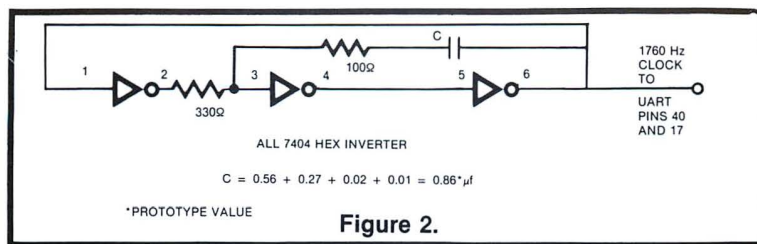


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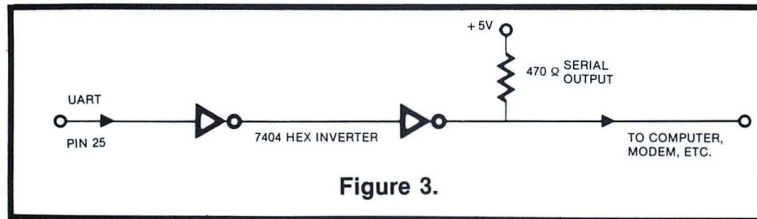


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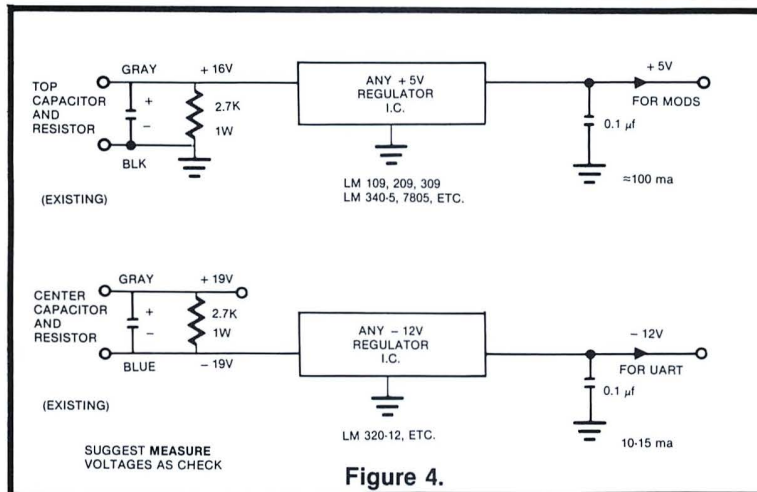


Figure 4.

A triggered scope with a calibrated time base is very useful in setting the baud rate (bit rate) and in checking bit patterns. Adjust C of the clock to obtain the desired rate. If the serial bit stream is set up the same as in the prototype, it will look like Figure 5 on a scope.

MODIFICATIONS FOR RECEIVE MODE OPERATION

Serial input to the UART should be buffered. (See Figure 6.)

Received (parallel) data bits will appear on UART pins 5 through 12. These are to be connected to the Control Unit as follows:

Data Bit #	UART	Card Reader Connector	Card #2 Connector	Card #4 Connector
1	Pin #12	Pin #11	Pin #76	Pin #35
2	11	12	39	37
3	10 <u>Connect</u>	13 <u>OR</u>	63 <u>OR</u>	29
4	9 <u>To</u>	14	43	21
5	8	15	45	19
6	7	16	42	14
7	6	17	46	53
8 Optional	5	18	—	48

Note: If the UART control bits are connected as in the prototype, bit 8 (parity) will not be present here. The typewriter does *not* use parity. TTL levels work fine into the DTL circuits of the control box. The UART is not overloaded with these inputs.

A read pulse, (Received Data Strobe), to be used by the Control Box, is generated in this manner. After a received character is shifted in and transferred to the buffer in the UART, the Data Available line (UART pin #19) goes high. This signal is used to trigger a one-shot. The output of the one-shot does two things. it is used; (1) to reset the Data Available flip-flop in the UART (UART pin #18) and (2) as a read pulse to transfer received parallel data into the control box for typing. (See Figure 7.)

The card reader inputs must be enabled in print mode by connecting pin #8 of I.C. B5 on card #13 to ground.

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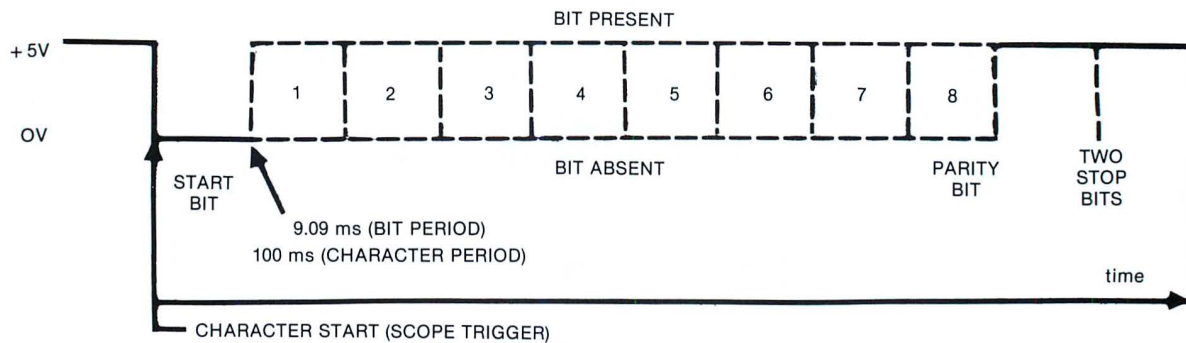


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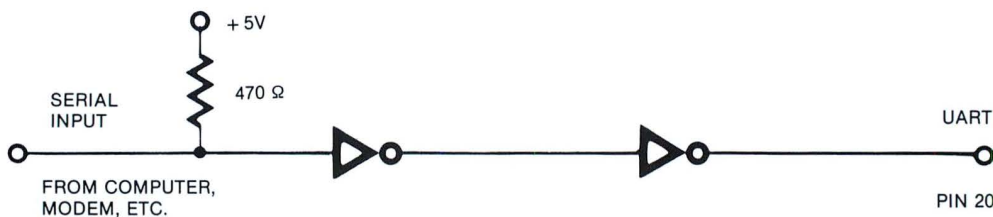


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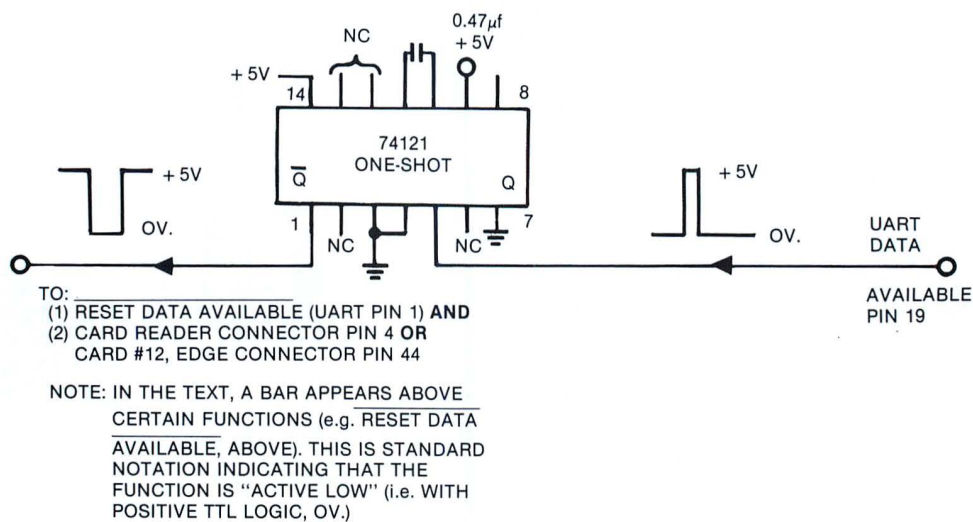


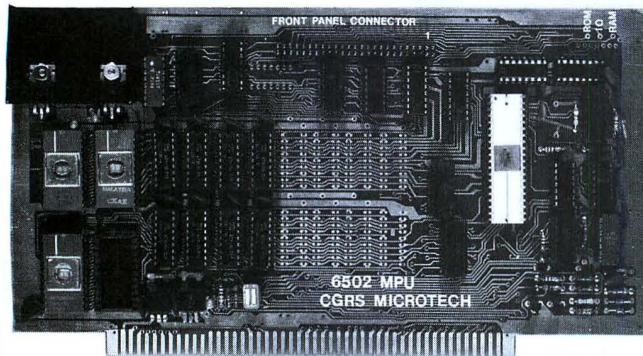
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ground). The latter is recommended. This keeps the delay line memory in a reset condition.

One additional mod should be implemented. On the back of the motherboard (the card socket complex), locate and label three leads from the typewriter connector as follows:

Card #	Edge Connector	Connector	Function
12	Pin #72	Pin #50	Rx mode indicator lead
12	21	52	Tx mode indicator lead
2	5	53	Send mode indicator lead

After labeling remove these wires from the sockets (they should pull off) and connect the wires, not the socket pins, as follows:

Rx mode indicator lead — connect to 74122 Q

Tx mode indicator lead — connect to 74122 Q

Send mode indicator lead — connect to 74122 Q

This enables these indicator lamps in the modified typewriter to show Tx/Send and Rx status.

When connecting wires to the card sockets, *female* pins, which have been removed from the same type of connector used for Input/Output by the original terminal, will fit nicely over the wire wrap pins of the card sockets. If wires are removed from card sockets, it is strongly advised that the be first labelled carefully. There is no need to disturb wire wrap leads.

Connector leads to the card sockets (all white in the prototype) often connect to more than one socket. If they do not appear on the indicated pins, they may be plugged onto another socket and connected by wire wrap leads. If this is encountered, a little tracing with an ohmmeter should straighten it out.

Now a couple of afterthoughts. None of these mods will impair the original circuits. If desired, the original form can be restored by "undoing" the mods.

The implementor of these mods may discover that several of the original cards can be pulled without affecting the modified terminal. This is OK, but it is suggested that power supply voltages in particular, and performance in general, be monitored carefully if and as this is done. I had not done this permanently at the time of this writing.

The 470 ohm pullup resistors used on the serial data lines may not be necessary. They were used in the prototype because an occasional transient of obscure origin caused an erroneous character to be transmitted or received.

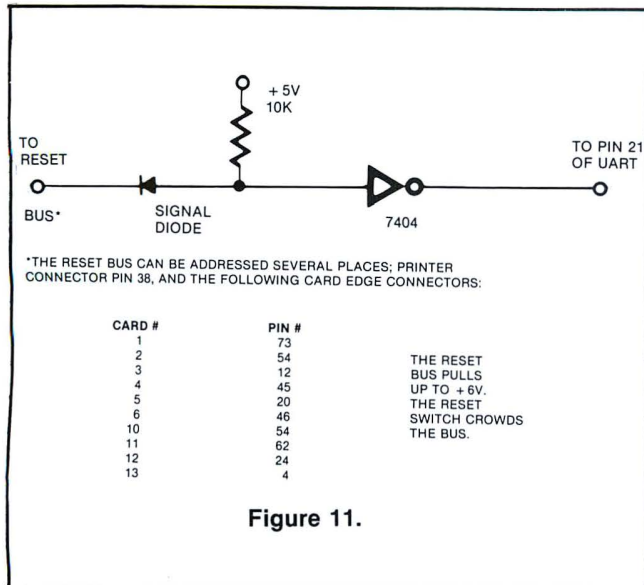
The modified terminal should be operated off-line with reset actuated.

Anyone who implements these mods should study and understand them before starting to modify. It is highly advisable to "test as you go." The prototype machine showed signs of minor mods when purchased. There is no guarantee that all machines are alike or in the same state of repair. If help is needed, you can contact me through the Chesapeake Microcomputer Club, Inc., 236 St. David Court, X4, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

HINDSIGHT COMMENTS

In the prototype a General Instrument AY-5-1013 (A) UART was used. This does not require an external reset before it will operate (Note that pin 21 is grounded). Unfortunately, some other pin compatible UARTs do require an external reset. This can easily be accomplished with a S.P.S.T. normally open, pushbutton switch and one of the spare sections of a 7404 hex inverter. See Figure 10. A nicer approach is to connect this to the existing typewriter reset bus. See Figure 11.

Some typewriters require more energy than the prototype in the read pulse generated in Figure 7. This can be provided by increasing the value of the 0.47 μ f capacitor. In the case of two other machines, a value of 4.0 μ f was required. If the modified machine skips characters this should be checked.



In the text a green test point on board #7 is referred to. As fate would have it, this test point in many machines is white. To be sure that the proper test point is located, place board #7 on a table with the back side (the side without any components) up and with the edge connector toward the observer. The test point is the second from the right. As a further check, this point ties directly to the collector of a transistor which is one of two used in a free-running multivibrator circuit.

TESTING AFTER MODIFICATION

A very useful test of the machine can be made by connecting the serial output to the serial input and typing (quickly) a single, printing character. The machine should print a second character, hopefully the same. The TX/Send and Receive lights should also function during this test. Remember, the machine is inherently a half-duplex device and is forced to receive mode any time a character appears on the serial input line.

Many full duplex machines require loop-back (echo of the serial output back to the serial input) to function properly. This machine does not need or want this and, if provided by the associated computer, it should be disable, if at all possible. If echo is provided by hard wire, e.g. with MIKBUG, the circuit can usually be disabled with a board cut and/or *jumpering*. If echo is provided by firmware, e.g. The System Monitor ROM, it may or may not be possible to disable it. For example, this is a deletable option with MINIBUG II. It is evidently not deletable with the Technico T.I. 9900 Monitor ROM.

The use of a good oscilloscope with a calibrated time base is highly recommended in checking out the machine. Either this or a frequency counter may be used in setting up bit rate. The latter becomes particularly important when test typing from someone else's cassette tapes. Needless to say, the bit rates must match closely since bit synch is not used.

When using A.C. powered test equipment the user should be extremely cautious with ICs — particularly the UART. Be absolutely sure that a good ground connection is used between equipments. Test probes with large isolating resistors are also to be preferred.

Solder all connections neatly and carefully with a hot, low wattage iron employing a grade of solder intended for use with microcircuits. Excessive resin, which may contain particles of carbon, tiny beads of solder or other contamination can prevent a UART from working.

I am quite interested in how the implementation of these mods is proceeding. Share your experiences with us by contacting us through the magazine or the club.

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 TRY TO GUESS IT.
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 YOU GUESSED WRONG. TRY AGAIN.
 3
 YOU GUESSED WRONG AGAIN, DUMMY!! TRY AGAIN.
 A
 I SAID A NUMBER FROM ZERO TO NINE, DUMDUM. DON'T TRY TO USE
 THE WHOLE CHARACTER SET!!!!.
 5
 BOY! YOU REALLY AIN't TOO BRIGHT. OH WELL, I'LL TRY TO BE
 PATIENT. TRY AGAIN.
 1
 WRONG AGAIN!!!!!! THAT DOES IT, KNUCKLEHEAD. I'M TIRED OF
 PLAYING — LET'S QUIT.
 9
 CAN'T YOU READ, YOYO? I SAID LET'S QUIT!!!!
 6

Multivibrators

by James O. Kendrick, Jr.

Multivibrators are used in computer hardware to go from a high level to a low level. With positive logic it would be binary 1 as high and zero as low, whereas just the opposite is true of negative logic. There are three types of multivibrators: the astable, monostable, and bistable. Although it is the bistable that is of most interest to computer hobbyists, I will touch briefly on the other two.

THE ASTABLE

The astable is made up of two stages using AC coupling and each stage being phase-inverted and positive feedback coupling. This causes continuing oscillation. When Tr1 is on Tr2 is off. This will cause the base voltage of the Tr2 to reach exponentially that of the supply voltage. The collector voltage in turn will start to drop and be coupled to the base of Tr1. Tr1 will now start to turn off and an apparent rise in collector voltage will occur. Simultaneously, the base current of Tr2 will increase, reducing its collector voltage. The switching of on and off states will be completed when Tr2 reaches saturation. When designing this type of circuit it is imperative that the base-emitter be protected with high-speed diodes, and the Vcbo has to be twice that or better of the Vcc. This applies to when the collector is twice the plus Vcc in relation to the base that is reverse-biased.

The astable multivibrator is useful where there is a need for successive repetitive pulses such as in PCM work.

THE MONOSTABLE

The monostable vibrator operates on both AC and DC coupling. This will allow it to rest, and then to be quasi-stable by an external pulse. When the vibrator is in the quasi-stable state, the circuit is usually turned on by the input's negative edge. If the positive half of the input happens to offset the quasi-stable state, it will cause a premature resetting of the circuit. This is usually overcome by adding a diode and a resistor to the base of Tr1. It can also be overcome by coupling a capacitor-resistor from base to emitter of Tr2. The values of R5 and R1 are approximately the same. If high speed application is involved a diode is put across R5. It is interesting to note that if pnp transistors are used rather than npn, as in the above circuits, and supply voltages and diodes are reversed, the waveforms will be just the opposite.

The monostable multivibrator is usually applicable to power supplies.

THE BISTABLE

The bistable multivibrator is the one that is of most interest to the computer hobbyist. It is used in central processing unit's register as the binary counter. It can be used in memory and is the heart of all frequency counters. The bistable multivibrator is essentially an astable type except that there are two DC couplings instead of the AC and DC. The circuit switches between two different stable states, the triggering being an external pulse. The heart of the bistable is the integrated circuit. There are exceptions, though, when an IC is not used. They are when input and output conditions are such that IC compatibility would be impossible, when there is low power dissipation, when low or high speed is

necessary and also involving only a simple counter. When not using the IC scheme, we will be involved with transistor configurations.

It is the IC configuration involving the concept of logic about which we shall be most concerned. The basic rule that applies to bistables is that they must have a memory, which means when the external signal has been removed they will stay in the state of that signal. This is often referred to as a flip-flop condition.

The bistable IC is classified according to its triggering level or threshold and also transient or edge triggering. The first consideration is concerned with the way the output changes when the input is at its threshold or triggering level. For example, if we were to go from a +5V input to a +15V there would obviously be a change in amplitude of the output waveform and perhaps a change in the shape of the waveform itself, which we shall discuss later. The second condition is when the clock within the IC itself changes state, often referred to as toggling.

The most often-discussed and perhaps simplest bistable or flip-flop is the R-S. It is two NOR or NAND gates that are coupled in a cross-like manner, often called latching. There are generally two inputs, the R (reset, often called C (clear), and the S (set) input. The output of the gates are called Q and \bar{Q} . This means that the output states are completely opposite. But when R and S are zero, then Q and \bar{Q} will be one when using the NAND gate configuration. The truth table for both the NAND gate and NOR gate bistable is given in Figure 3. Figures 3 and 4 show the relationship of the R-S to the truth table. It will be noticed that the second and third lines of the table represent the reset and set input respectively. When there is a one on the set input and a zero on the reset, this will trigger output (Q) to zero, while (\bar{Q}) will be a one. From the table the reader will be able to discern that the direct opposite is true of line three for all conditions. The fourth line states that when there is a 1 on R of Gate 1, still using two NAND gates, and S on Gate 2 is a 1, and there is a zero on Q going to the other input of Gate 1, this ultimately has not altered the Q output from that of line three. This type of situation is truly that of a multivibrator. From the information given so far about the R-S truth table the reader will be able to make up different logic equations of his own. The complete R-S principle works on the idea of regeneration.

As I mentioned previously the subject of waveform would be discussed when working with an R-S configuration. The diagram in Figure 4 will show the type of action that is involved when a sinusoidal waveform, namely AC is applied to the input, there will be a square wave output that has a rise and fall time of approximately 10 to 15 nanoseconds. The triggering voltage of most standard gates has to be approximately one volt, which means that it is not in range of the threshold level, thus accomplishing triggering.

THE R-S-T FLIP-FLOP

The next member in the family of bistables is the R-S-T flip-flop. The T in this case denotes toggle or triggering terminal. It is this type that belongs to the edge-triggered classification. It will change condition or state up-going

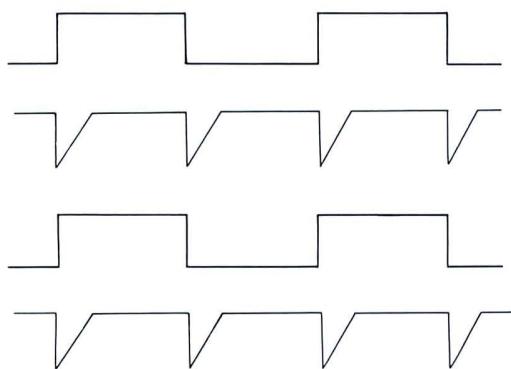
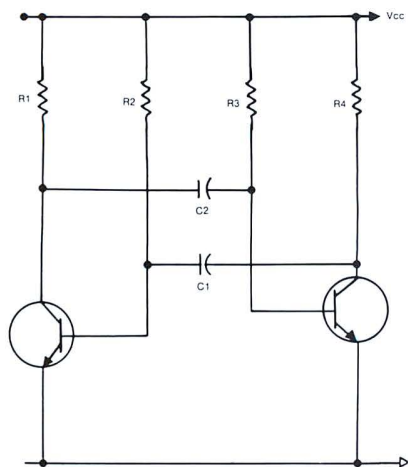


Figure 1. It is seen with the astable vibrator, as shown in the waveforms, that when Tr1 is turning off the collector voltage increases which in turn increases Tr2's base current. When Tr2 has reached saturation, then both Tr1 and Tr2 will turn off. The voltage on the base of Tr1 will then rise according to C1 and R1's time constant.

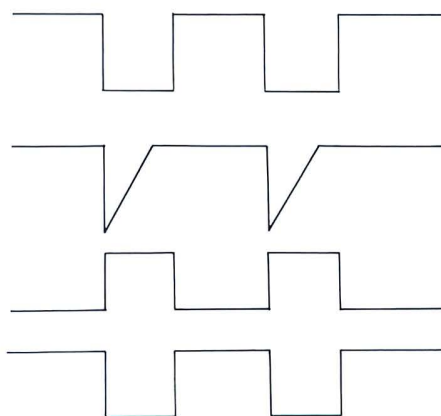
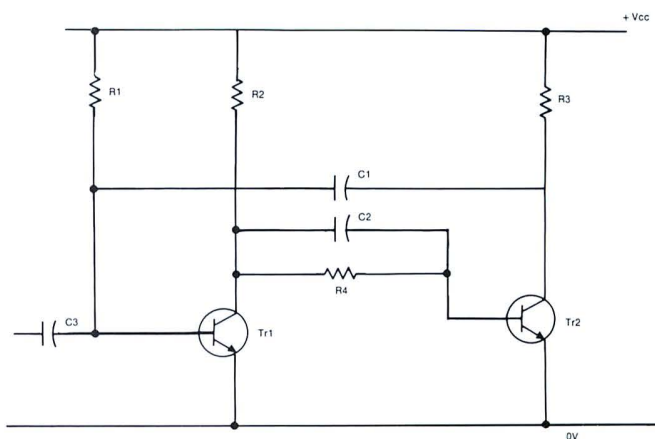
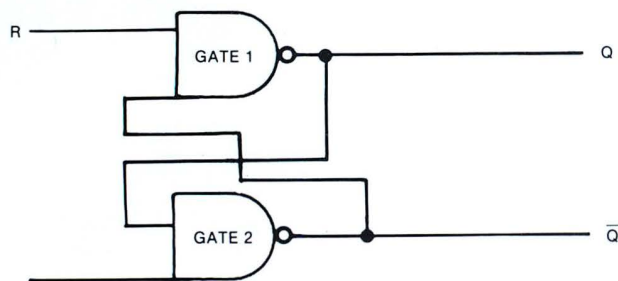


Figure 2. The input is coupled to Tr1 by C3. When the downgoing negative edge of the input reaches Tr1, then its collector voltage will rise which in turn will cause the base voltage of Tr2 to increase. After Tr2 has reached saturation it will turn off; therefore the collector voltage of Tr2 will drop, in turn turning off Tr1. It will be noted that C2 reduces Tr2 turnoff time.



R	S	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0

Figure 3. The truth table follow the rules for any logic circuit bistable multivibrator. In this case we are using the NAND gate configuration.

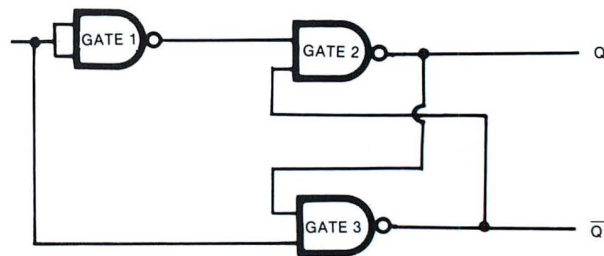


Figure 4. The inverter circuit is used as the follower when we want to change the input waveform into a different output wave.

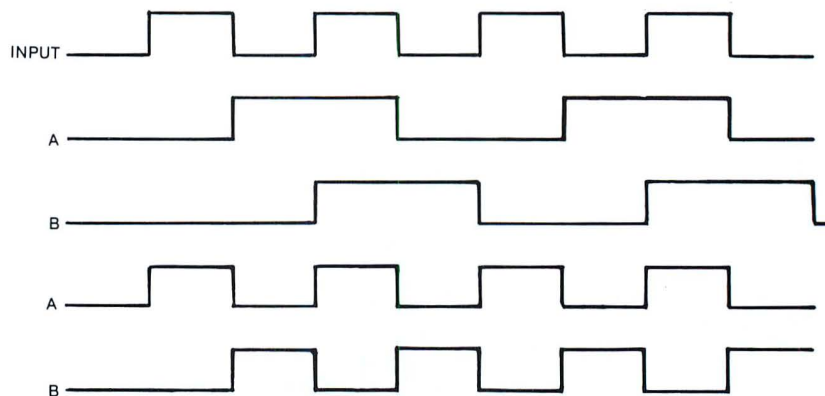
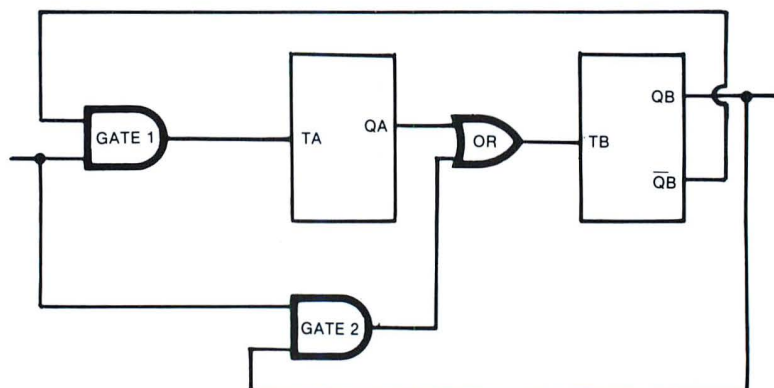


Figure 5. The OR gate is added to be able to count or divide by three by using an input and three outputs. Note that on QA and QB there is only one pulse with QB one clock cycle ahead of QA, and that on TA and TB there are two pulses with TB ahead of TA. This timing sequence enables the counter to set and reset.

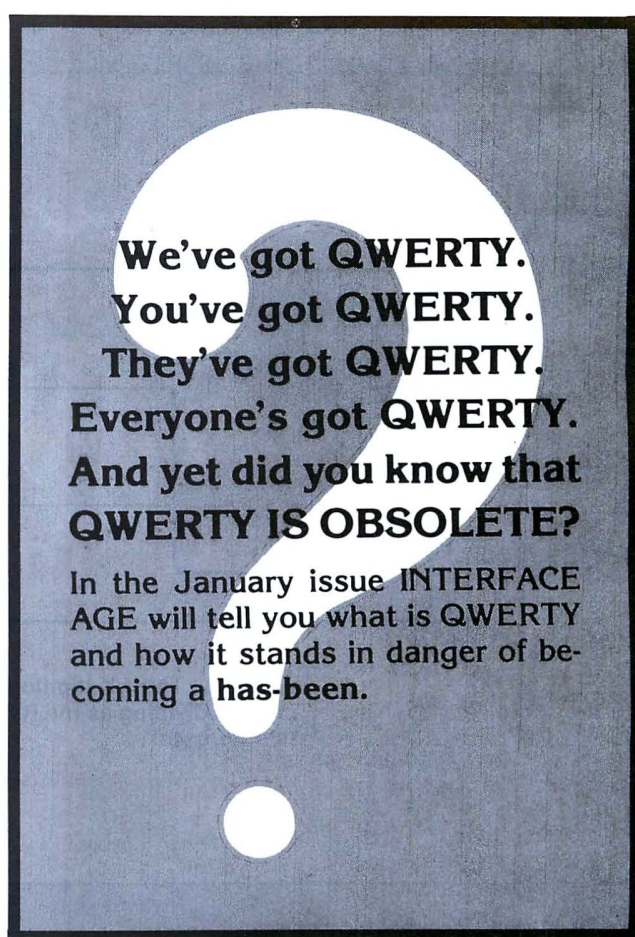
or down-going change of the input which is the T terminal. This is shown in Figure 5. When an R-S-T is purchased, the user can apply it as an R-S-T flip-flop or if he wishes use it just as an R-S simply by not connecting the T into the circuit.

The R-S-T is particularly useful as a frequency counter. This can be accomplished by a down signal on T which causes the output at Q to change, hence alternating between different inputs at T brings about a change on Q's output. This type of action produces an output that has half the number of pulses in a given allotted time period. The output at Q is always a square wave provided that T's pulses are of the same time factor. This is shown in Figure 6.

The flip-flops when connected in series will divide by a power of two, four, eight, sixteen, etc., depending on how many there are in series. When using such an arrangement as a frequency counter, the answer will be based on the number of flip-flops used and will often be a number that is twice the number of flip-flops. For example, with two flip-flops in series the answer would be four, with eight flip-flops the quotient is sixteen, etc. When the count is completed it will automatically start the cycle over again.

The counter first begins counting by making sure that the Q outputs are all set to zero. For the rest of the discussion on the R-S-T flip-flop, we shall be working with the four-stage counter. After the counter has been set to zero, a certain number of pulses are applied to the input, this input is usually denoted by 2^n , the n denoting the number of flip-flops in series. The example in Figure 7 shows more clearly how a four-stage works.

It is often advantageous to use an AND gate when working with an R-S-T combination. This will enhance the dividing frequency of the counter itself. The idea is to allow the counter to divide to the "last count." It will



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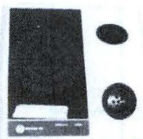
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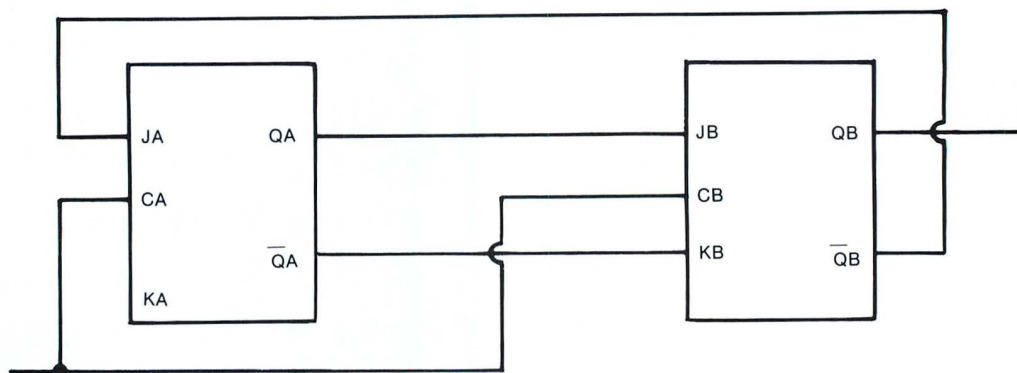


Figure 6. The J-K flip-flop follows almost the same principle in dividing as the R-S-T in that there is an input and two outputs.

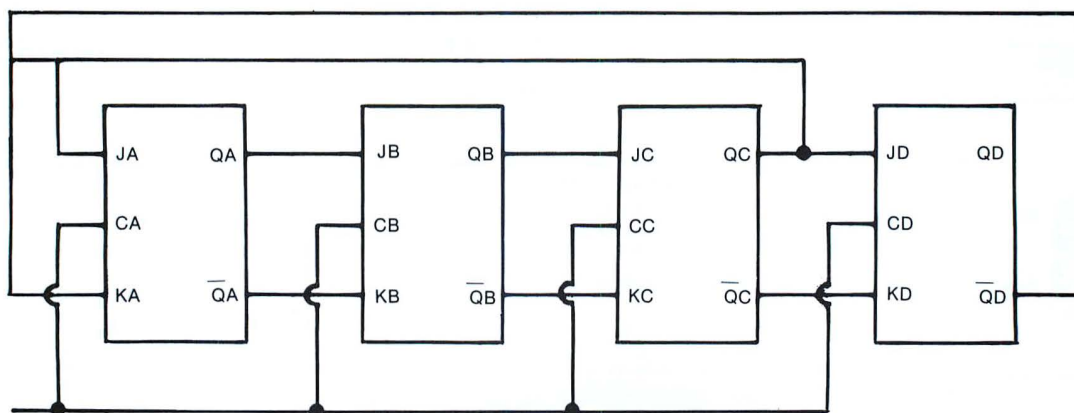


Figure 7. This counter divides by seven because there is one output from the final stage going back to the J input of the first stage, which resets the count, and also because of two inputs going to each succeeding stage.

also enhance the ability of the counter to handle the odd digits as well as the even ones. When using an AND gate, if the flip-flop is set to zero, then this will automatically start the counting sequence. This is done with one input of the AND input being connected to Q_B 's output of the R-S-T which is set to 1 at the start. The first input that is high on the AND gates will not cause the R-S-T's to change state, but when it goes to zero, the flip-flop at (A) will toggle to one. The second flip-flop does not change its state because the input at T_B has not fallen. The input then goes back to high, which does not affect the change of either flip-flop, but when the input goes to zero, flip-flop (A) will change to a zero at the Q_A output and the second flip-flop will toggle, and the output at Q_B goes to one and Gate 1, which is tied to the output of Q_B , will become inhibited. At this point the second gate will be enabled. When the input rises and falls again it will go to the second AND gate, whose output is tied to the input of an OR gate that is connected to Q_A , its state still remaining at zero. Flip-flop B will also toggle to zero, and the count starts all over.

The R-S-T counter is a serial counter because each stage has to wait for the pulse from the preceding flip-flop.

The next flip-flop is the J-K device. This is a synchronous flip-flop because of the fact that the clock terminal which corresponds to the toggle of the R-S-T has its output synchronized to the J and K input signal. The R-S-T is asynchronous because the output is not in correlation with its input.

The operation of the J-K goes according to its truth table.

The terminals J and K are the inputs but do not necessarily affect Q 's output. They do determine, however, what happens at Q on the downgoing or upgoing pulse at the clock terminal. This a synchronized output because it changed with the changes on the clock terminal.

The J and K terminals are either OR or AND gates. When using the OR gate, a 1 that is applied to one of the multiple inputs will cause it to trigger so as to have an output at Q . However, if an AND gate with multiple inputs is used all the J's or K's must have a 1.

Sometimes in logic design it will be necessary to tie the J and K inputs together and apply a trigger signal at that junction. This will also act as a clock terminal.

As I had said previously the J-K operates on the principle of the truth table. When Q_A and Q_B are both zero at the first count and a pulse arrives on the J-K terminals, then on the first flip-flop Q_A will toggle to a one and on the second flip-flop, Q_B will remain at zero. At the next input pulse Q_A will toggle again but this time Q_B will have a one on its terminal. When the third pulse arrives Q_A will still be zero and Q_B will be zero. This will start the count over again. These pulses are all "down-going pulses." If a square wave is used at the input, then the output waves at Q_A and Q_B will be the same rectangular waveform as on the "down-going pulse" except that there is no phase relationship between the high and low cycle.

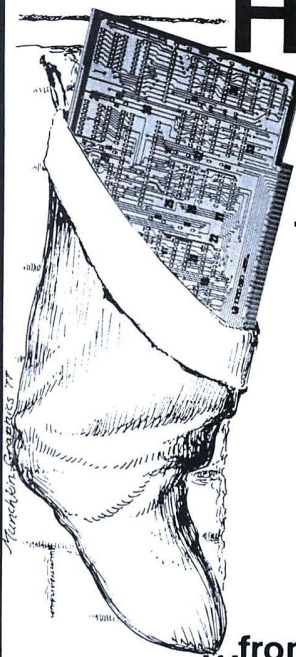
The last flip-flop to be considered is the shift register. the flip-flops are connected together as stages or a staged flip-flop. Each flip-flop has an input and four outputs, in addition to a clock and reset terminal.

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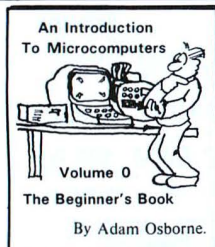
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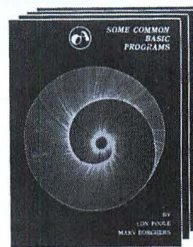
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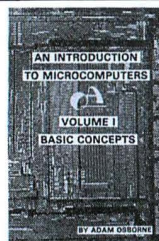
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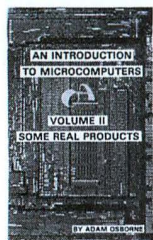
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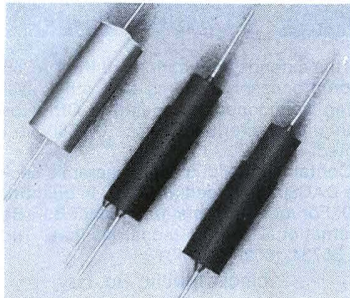
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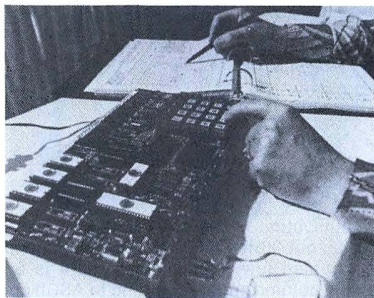
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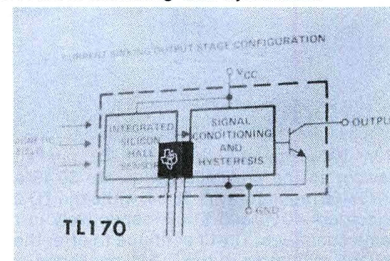
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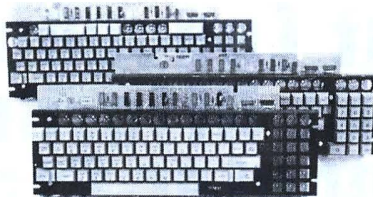
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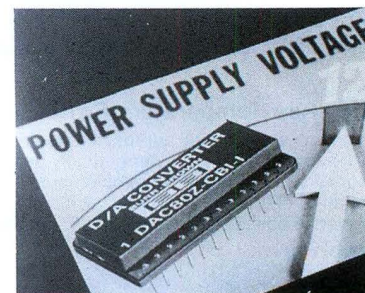
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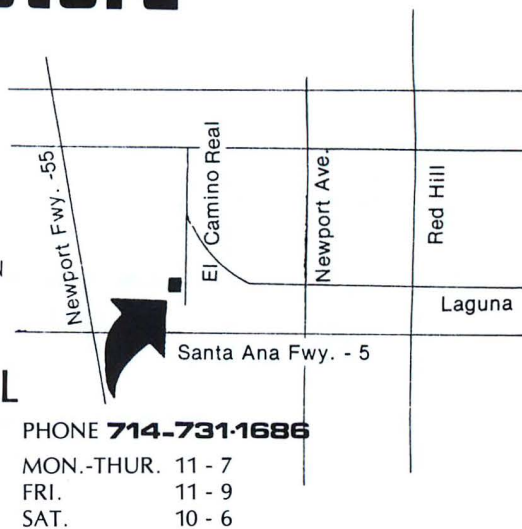
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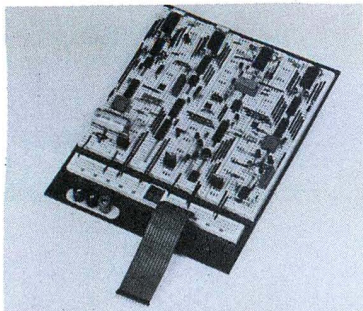
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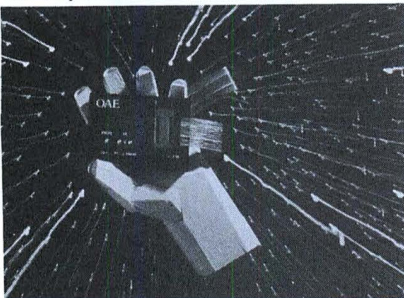
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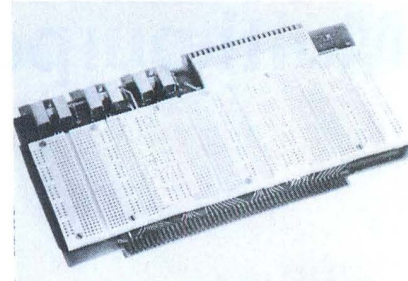
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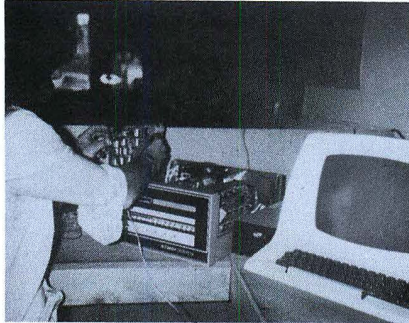
The Pixe-Plexer Model PXP-4500 is a special integrated circuit type modulator-RF oscillator module for multiplexing and interfacing color and luminance video signals plus audio from computers, TV cameras, VTR's, games, etc. for display on any regular TV set, via the antenna terminals.

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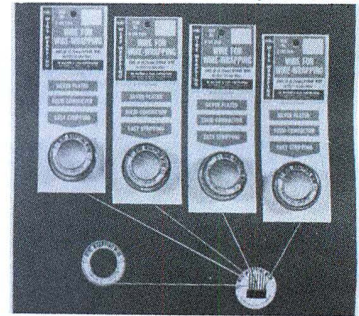
It will erase up to 4 chips at one time in as little as 20 minutes. An exclusive safety interlock system complies with the National Consumer Safety Act and protects the user against accidental UV exposure.

The system is lightweight, compact and comes complete with a holding tray for maintaining a constant exposure distance of 1". Available in 115 or 250V models at \$59.50. For further information contact Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., 5100 Walnut Grove Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91778.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 123

Wire-Wrapping Wire

Finest industrial quality AWG30 (0.25mm) wire-wrapping wire is now available on compact, convenient 50' (15m) rolls. Perfect for small production applications, prototype jobs or amateur electronics projects, the wire is silver plated OFHC copper with Kynar insulation.

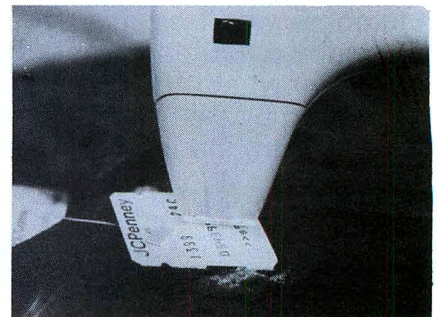


This premium insulation combines excellent electrical and mechanical characteristics with easy stripability and is available in 4 colors: red, white, blue and yellow. Packaged on 1/4" (40mm) diameter spools for easy handling and storage. Available for immediate delivery. For further information contact OK Machine and Tool Corp., 3455 Conner St., Bronx, NY 10475.

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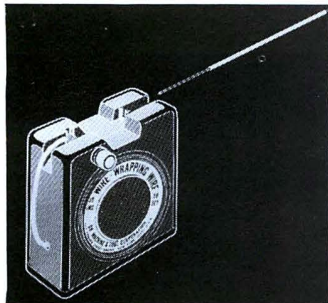
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Wire Dispenser Also Cuts and Strips

New WD Series Wire Dispenser features unique cutting and stripping capability. Wire is drawn out of dispenser to required length. Then, built-in plunger cuts length free from roll, while a gentle pull through the stripping blade remove the insulation without nicking the wire.

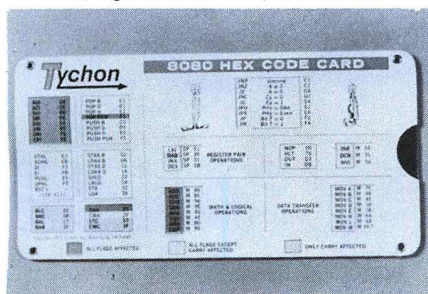


Repeat procedure removes insulation from second end. Although designed particularly for wire-wrapping, the inexpensive dispenser is ideal for many applications. Dispenser includes 50 ft. (15m) roll of AWG 30 (0,25mm) top industrial quality Kynar® insulated OFHC silver plated solid copper wire. Insulation is offered in blue, white, yellow or red. Available from your local electronics distributor or directly from OK Machine and Tool Corporation, 3455 Conner St., Bronx, NY 10475.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 115

Tychon's 8080 Instruction Hex Code Slide Rule

Tychon's 8080 Instruction Hex Code Slide Rule is a sliderule-like aid for programming and debugging 8080 software. It contains all the mnemonics and their corresponding hexadecimal codes. The instructions are all color coded to indicate which flags are affected during execution. The pocket sized card measures 6.5 by 3 inches and it provides the instructions in a neat, logical format for quick reference.



The back side of the card is printed with an ASCII code chart for all 128 characters plus the 8080 status word and register pair codes.

Delivery of the 8080 Hex Code Card is immediate and the price is \$2.95 postpaid. Quantity discounts start at ten units and custom printing is also available.

For further information write or call C.A. Titus at Tychon, Inc., P.O. Box 242, Blacksburg, VA 24060, (703) 951-9030.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 112

P184 Slit-N-Wrap™

A second-generation product, the P184 Slit-N-Wrap™ bit makes gas-tight interconnections and uses 28-gauge silver-plated copper wire with five-mil (0.005 in.) thick Tefzel insulation fed from a spool on the tool's shaft.

Available in 50-foot spools, the 28-gauge wire may be purchased with red, green, white or yellow insulation. For production wrapping, the bit is turned by Vector's Model P184T1 pistol-grip motor or Model P184T battery-powered pencil-type unit. A manual tool, Model P184 is also available. All tools are supplied with two spools of wire while the P184T includes battery and charger. The P184T1 is \$89, the P184T is \$80 and the P184 is \$29.50. Delivery is from stock.

For further information contact Vector Electronic Company, 12460 Gladstone Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342, (213) 365-9661.

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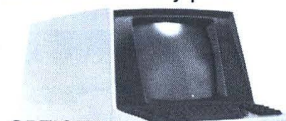
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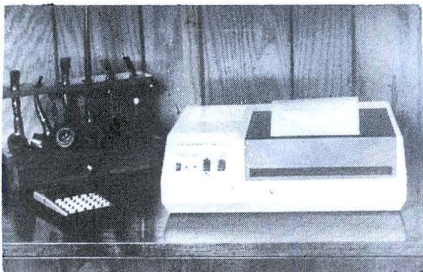
The Topaz line 2 filters and regulates electrical power to assure clean, noise-free, regulated power. The lightweight, portable unit does not require installation; it is simply plugged into any existing 120 volt outlet. Two standard 3-prong receptacles are provided for powering equipment in need of protection.

Two models, rated at 1 kVA and 2 kVA, are available from stock. For information or brochure, contact Topaz Electronics, 3855 Rufin Road, San Diego, CA 92123.

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The Micro 1 is a nonimpact, high speed, low cost, compact microprinter utilizing electric discharge technology and special aluminum coated paper.



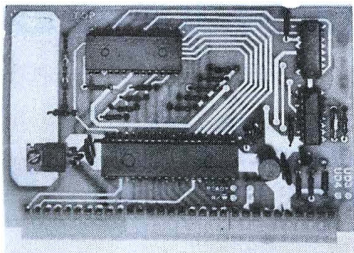
The Centronics microprinter has a print speed of 240 characters per second and sells for \$595. It is offered as a complete unit including case, power supply, 96 character ASCII generator and interface, paper roll holder, infrared low paper detector, bell, and multi-line asynchronous input buffer.

For further information contact Centronics Data Computer Corp., Hudson, NH 03051, (603) 883-0111.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 132

SWTPC MP-N Calculator Interface

Southwest Technical Products Corporation has just announced a calculator interface that is plug compatible with their SWTPC 6800 Computer System. The interface uses the new National Semiconductor MM57109 Number Oriented Processor and features Reverse Polish Notation, floating point or scientific operation, up to an eight digit mantissa and two digit exponent, four register stack, memory register, trig functions, base ten and natural logarithms and overflow indicator.



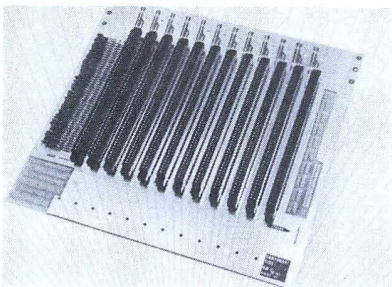
The interface plugs onto of the the seven interface card positions and is powered by the computer systems's power supply. The unit is sold in kit form only and includes the 3 1/2" x 5 1/4" circuit board, all components, assembly and operating instructions for \$46.50 ppd. in the U.S.

For further information contact Southwest Technical Products Corporation, 219 W. Rhapody, San Antonio, TX 78216, (512) 344-0241.

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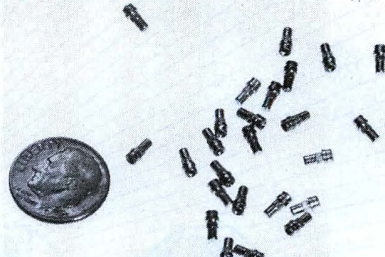


Documentation includes photos of front and back of board without parts so that all traces can be seen. Prices are \$35 bare (without parts); \$85 kit; \$100 assembled and tested. For further information contact WMC, Inc., 3107 Laneview Drive, San Jose, CA 95132.

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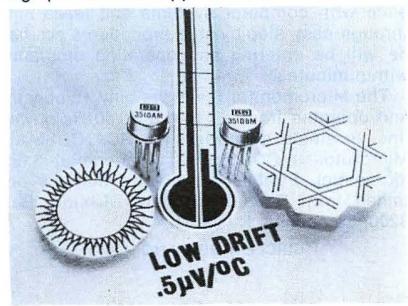
Made of super space age polymer, the same material used in NFL football helmets, the ACCU-FILE 1401 will fit a standard desk drawer or can be stacked two or more high on a shelf. The lid is removable for use as a tray, but fits securely when attached holding the contents of the case firmly in place — even when carried. No danger of cards spilling into another storage section, they remain in place where they were filed. The lid also protects the cards from dirt, dust and environmental contamination that harm your machine and prevent the retrieval of information. The case features a key lock for file integrity.

The ACCU-FILE 1401 holds 125 mag cards with jackets and 750 without. For further information contact Advance Access Group, Inc., 15026 W. Cermak, Westchester, IL 60153, (312) 562-5210.

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The 3510AM is \$9.00 (1-24), \$7.35 (25-99) and \$5.95 (100-999). Prices for the 3510RM and BM are \$14.75, \$11.50 and \$10.00 respectively. Delivery is from stock. For more information contact Burr-Brown, International Airport Industrial Park, Tucson, AZ 85734, (602) 294-1431.

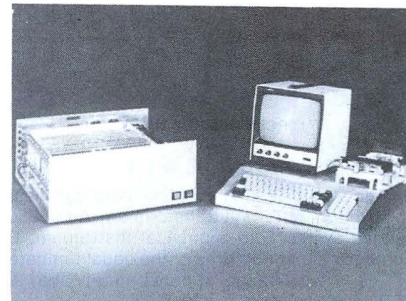
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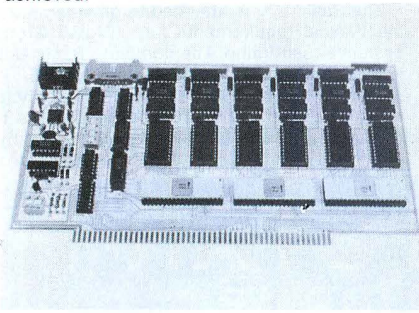
prepunched for a keyboard and two Phi-Desk cable routing holes. The Peripheral Plate in kit form is priced at \$19.50.

For details, contact The Digital Group, Inc., P.O. Box 6528, Denver, CO 80206, (303) 777-7133.

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Altair 88-MU1

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Software consists of a high-level, musical composition language which is included with purchase. For further information contact MITS, Inc., 2450 Alamo S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106.

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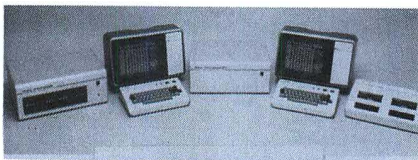
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Floppy-Disc Interface Card

Data Systems Design, Inc., announces a card for interfacing the firm's DSD 210 floppy-disc system to DEC's LSI-11 minicomputer.

The increased capabilities of the new interface card—designated DSD 210-L11A—include a hardware bootstrap, dynamic-memory refresh logic, and bus termination circuitry. Because it combined the principal features of DEC's REV-11 card with those of an existing Data Systems interface card (DSD 210-L11), the DSD 210-L11A eliminates the need for the DEC card and saves one Q-bus slot in the LSI-11.

All floppy-disc systems from Data Systems include an appropriate interface card. For users who may wish to purchase a card alone, however, the firm makes the DSD 210-L11A available at a cost of \$319 each; an OEM discount schedule applies to quantity purchases. Delivery is 30 days ARO.

For more information on the DSD 210-L11A, contact Data Systems Design, Inc., 3130 Coronado Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051, (408) 249-9353.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 134

COSMAC Microtutor II

Intended especially for engineers, students, and hobbyists who wish to understand and use microprocessors, RCA Solid State's COSMAC Microtutor II, CDP18S012, is a complete basic microcomputer system available for quick and easy hands-on operating and programming experience.

The new RCA COSMAC Microtutor II, pre-assembled and containing its own regulated power supply, is based on the RCA CDP1802 CMOS 8-bit microprocessor and supersedes the original Microtutor CDP18S011. The CDP18S012 provides input via eight binary toggle switches and output on two seven-segment LED hexadecimal digit displays plus a Q LED output. Additional toggle switches are provided for all the required controls to examine and alter memory locations and to initiate program execution.

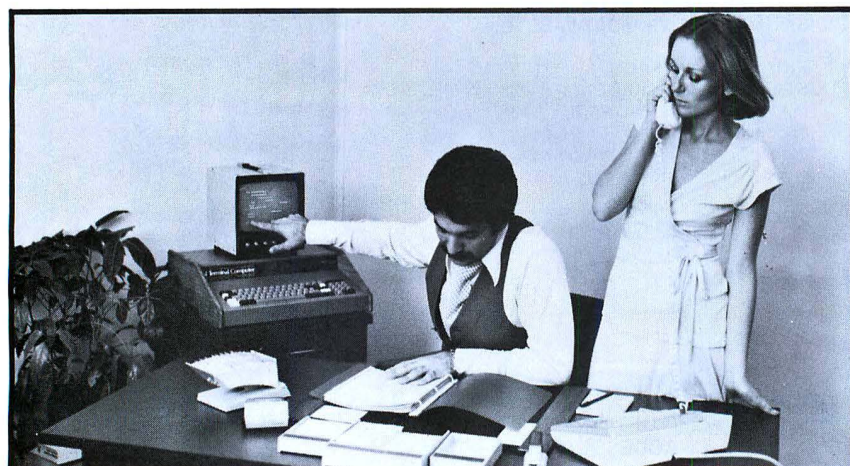
Accompanying Microtutor II is a 64-page manual, MPM-209, written in a light style with the beginner in mind. The manual provides numerous application examples and stresses that computers can be entertaining. The manual assumes that the user has minimal experience with computer systems and leads him through easy step-by-step procedures so that he will be entering and operating programs within minutes.

The Micromonitor II weighs only 18 ounces and operates from a 115-volt 50/60 Hz power line. In single quantities, the RCA COSMAC Microtutor II CDP18S012 is priced at \$195 (domestic). Further information may be obtained from RCA Solid State Division, Box 3200, Somerville, NJ 08876.

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Horizon

A complete, high-performance microprocessor system with integrated floppy disc memory is available from North Star Computers, Inc. Called HORIZON™, the system is designed for business, educational and personal applications. Horizon is ready for programming in



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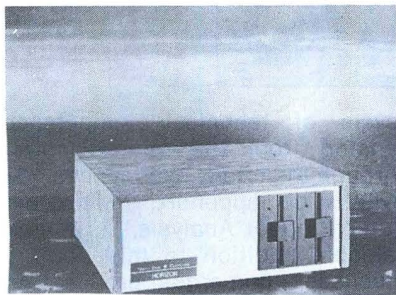
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The Horizon system is available in two models. Horizon-1 includes a Z80A processor, 16K RAM, minifloppy disc and 12-slot S-100 motherboard with serial terminal interface—all standard equipment. The Horizon-2 includes a second built-in disc drive.

Horizon 1: \$1599 kit; \$1899 assembled. Horizon 2: \$1999 kit; \$2349 assembled. Delivery is 30 days on receipt of order. For more details write North Star Computers, Inc., 2465 Fourth St., Berkeley, CA 94710, (415) 549-0858.

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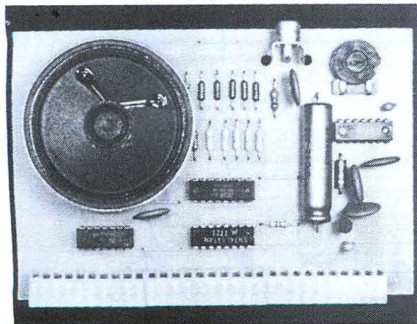
For more information on GHOST, contact Gimix, Inc., 1337 W. 37th Pl., Chicago, IL 60609, (312) 927-5510.

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The Newtech Model 68 Music Board enables the user to generate music, sound effects, rhythms, Morse code, and touch-tone synthesis.

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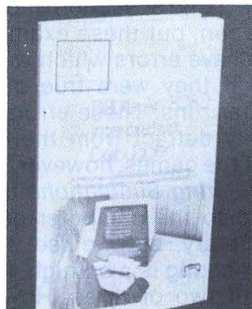
grams, test routines, and listings of a BASIC program for writing musical scores and a 6800 Assembly Language routine for playing them. An AC-30 compatible cassette, supplied with the Model 68, contains programs from the Users Manual and software for pre-coded songs.

The Model 68 Music Board is \$59.95 through computer stores. For further information contact: Newtech Computer Systems, Inc., 131 Joralemon St., Brooklyn, NY 11202.

CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 120

Debugging Program for the 8080

DEBUG: An 8080 Interpretive Debugger, a program for entering, debugging and storing assembly language programs by Christopher and Jonathan Titus, is available in a book from E&L Instruments, Inc. The 100-page paperback is the first of a BUGBOOK Application Series on assembly language programming. DEBUG permits the user to enter a program into an 8080 microcomputer memory and single-step it through, instruction by instruction.



DEBUG will reside in a 1K byte block of memory and a bootstrap loader for loading the DEBUG into memory is included. Two complete listings of DEBUG are given in the appendices—one in octal code and the other in hexadecimal

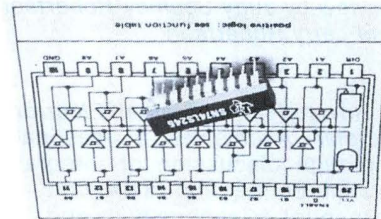
code, each with appropriate I/O subroutines.

DEBUG: An 8080 Interpretive Debugger sells for \$5.00 and is available from E&L Instruments, Inc., 61 First St., Derby, CT 06418, (203) 735-8774, and its representatives.

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For more information contact Texas Instruments, Inc., IAS, P.O. Box 5012, M/S 308 (Attn: SN54LS/74LS245), Dallas, TX 75222.

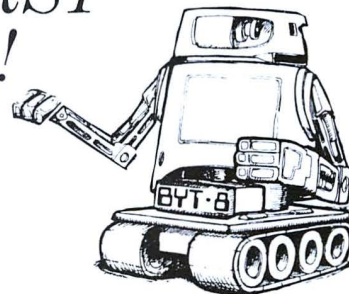
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BOOK REVIEWS

HOW TO PLAN AND INSTALL ELECTRONIC BURGLAR ALARMS

By Howard Bierman.

Hayden Book Co., Inc., 1977.
120 pages, \$4.95, paper

Review by Judy Scolney Robertson
and Larry Robertson

How to Plan and Install Electronic Burglar Alarms is a reasonably thorough discussion of integrated system burglar and fire alarms, not to mention telephone bugs and their avoidance. This book is of particular interest to the computer hobbyist, as in grouping the various systems into types and describing the operation of each, it provides a good information basis for hooking up a complete security system to the home computer. And let's face it — if you have a computer at home, you really do need a security system.

Alarms discusses using everything from independent wiring to radio transmissions to house wiring. It explains multiple types of detectors, including photo-electric, audio (ultra sonic), radar, body heat, body weight, odor, magnetic and television monitoring. The book also tells quite a bit about installing each type, and lists several manufacturers with equipment which is already set up.

Although not the ultimate book on surveillance and protection systems, *How to Plan and Install Electronic Burglar Alarms* gives a fairly good view of what is involved in installing and planning an alarm system for the person with some knowledge of wiring.

STIMULATING SIMULATIONS

By C. William Engel.

C. William Engel, 1977.
64 pages, \$5.00, Paper

Review by Judy Scolney Robertson
and Larry Robertson

Stimulating Simulations is a collection of ten extremely well-documented computer games for the very small computer. The games are not complicated, and the user will soon wish to make them more difficult. Engel has anticipated this eventu-

ality by including some of the data necessary to modify his programs.

The games in *Simulations*, Art Auction, Monster Chase, Lost Treasure, Gone Fishing, Space Flight, Forest Fire, Nautical Navigation, Business Management, Rare Birds, and Diamond Thief, are by no means unique, but the BASIC code is well documented and easily followed. Engel has provided flow charts for each game, and has also included a narrative scenario along with each program.

Each game's section includes a sample run, but these examples appear to have errors which would not appear if they were true output of computer runs. These errors do not seriously detract from the descriptions of the games, however.

Stimulating Simulations is a nice addition to the computer game addict's library, but we feel that the \$5.00 price tag is a bit high, like by a factor of two or three. However, if you do wish to order this self-published booklet, send your \$5.00 to C. William Engel, Box 16612, Tampa, Florida 33687.

MICROCOMPUTER HANDBOOK

By Charles J. Sippl.

Petrocelli/Charter, 1977.
480 pages, \$19.95.

Review by Judy Scolney Robertson
and Larry Robertson

The *Microcomputer Handbook* is a guide to small computers for the novice user. Aimed primarily at the small businessman who is just about to embark on a journey into the wonderful world of microcomputers, this book covers a wide range of subjects related to the purchase, selection and use of low-cost micro-miniaturized devices.

Sippl more than adequately compares minicomputers and the large scale computers with which we have been familiar for so long with the new cheaper micros that are now available. He also discusses many and varied applications of computers in the home and in business uses, including supermarket cash registers, electronic funds transfer, communications, production control, and numerical control.

The *Handbook* goes into sufficient detail that it can be read on several

levels of technical competence, ranging from the relative novice through the totally experienced hobbyist. The appendix, "Microcomputer Product Analysis," is a most valuable addition to this book. It discusses numerous products by name, giving a short review of the specifications of each and often comparing them with each other. Another appendix, "Analysis of Design and Testing Tools: Software Support Systems," is equally valuable in its discussion of assemblers, editors, loaders, simulators, and debuggers in detail.

The *Handbook* includes diagrams of storage formats, configuration block diagrams, diagrams of system operations and sample flow charts. In addition, Sippl provides a glossary at the end of each chapter, a particular handy aid for the relative novice. Sippl advocates an approach to data processing which includes standardized documentation and efficient, easily maintained code. His advice is extremely helpful in building a new data processing installation.

Microcomputer Handbook should be on the bookshelf of anyone considering installing a data processing operation in his home or business. It is a thorough and readable account of numerous factors involved in the creation and operation of a computer system written for the relative layman, but of significant interest to the hobbyist as well.

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SOFTWARE SECTION

By Abe Perez

Compared to this section of the magazine in previous months, this issue contains relatively fewer programs—four. One reason for the brevity of this section this month is a decision to postpone the publication of some software articles which are better suited to be published in a single issue of the magazine rather than in multiple installments.

This seems to be the more practical approach to provide the reader a better insight into the structure of the relatively complex programs promised for future issues. Many readers are anxious to see data-base management software for a home or hobby computer. This is the class of software intended for future issues of this magazine.

The four software articles in this issue include two games, a practical application of a random number generator, and finally, a utility program to facilitate preparation of paper tape programs for use with the Intel SDK-80 monitor kit.

In response to over 300 calls from our readers about the errata in William Mitchell's BIORHYTHM program, (INTERFACE AGE, October issue) we are publishing a new listing revised by the author. We hope it works. We were astonished to find out how much interest this subject has generated. In the course of 1978 we shall be publishing Biorhythm programs for other equipment. Watch for them.

The INJUN POKER game by 12-year-old Kenneth Kolbly is a fun game for families with small children and seems not too difficult to modify to allow more than two players to play at one time. The program was written for the IMSAI 8080 using Rev. 4.0 12K Extended BASIC.

The PIRANHA GAME program by Jeb and Elizabeth Long requires about 2400 bytes of memory. According to the authors, the program can "easily be modified to operate on almost any memory-mapped video monitor device."

The RANDOM NUMBER PROGRAM FOR SECURITY COMBINATIONS is a practical application of random numbers other than in simulation, where pseudo-random numbers are preferred. It is not clear how the lock combination numbers are managed in the particular application but this editor wonders how many copies of the list of lock numbers are *maintained* and what happens if the last maintained list is lost! These are merely random thoughts by this editor but I feel assured that these problems had been eliminated by good management at the particular facility where this program is used.

The PUNCH & READ INTEL FORMATTED TAPE software seems self-explanatory to those familiar with the Intel Evaluation Kit SDK-80.

Word of Caution: None of the four software articles described in this issue were actually run at this publisher's facility, let alone any semblance of a validation and verification attempt on any of them. As in the case of textual material published under an author's byline, INTERFACE AGE assumes no responsibility for the content. Equal space shall be allotted for replies to controversial views and corrections to published programs shall be printed in following issues. All letters addressed to authors in care of this magazine are forwarded to the authors for personal reply.

LOOKING BACK . . .

In 1977 INTERFACE AGE, Volume II has featured some outstanding software articles. Topping the list, of course, are Bud Shamburger's two contributions PAYROLL PACKAGE and GENERAL LEDGER PACKAGE. A straw vote of the editors selected the following for this list.

JANUARY ISSUE

Consol 1K Resident Operating System
by Processor Technology

FEBRUARY ISSUE

Microcomputer Stock Options
by Ed Christianson

BASIC Algorithms for Common Math Functions
by Michael Burton

MARCH ISSUE

Menace of the Micro World
by Ken Berkun

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by Marvin Mallon

APRIL ISSUE

Proposed Cassette Data Storage Format Standard
by Lorin S. Mohler

MAY ISSUE

Robert Uiterwyk's 4K BASIC Interpreter Program
By William W. Turner

User TTY Handler for the Z-80 Development System
by Richard E. Maly

John Conway's Game of Life
by Alan R. Miller

JUNE ISSUE

General Payroll Package
by Bud Shamburger

Star Lanes
by Steven Faber

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Diablo Output Driver Routine
by Chris Terry

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by Sven Grenander

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by James J. Brennan

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by William C. Thompson III

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General Ledger Package — The Micro Bookmaker
by Bud Shamburger

Depreciation Schedule Analysis Program — JHDSAP
by Jim Huffman

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Program to Calculate Winds Aloft Using A HP25
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CIRCLE INQUIRY NO. 79

SOFTWARE BUG

In our October issue we left out an entire column of Gregory A.R. Trollope's article entitled M6800 FORTRAN Cross Assembler Program. This erratum picks up the text on the third column of page 151 and continues it to Line 250 of the listing. We are sincerely sorry that this occurred.

Then the CLIST below can be used to invoke the assembler with the command:

EX (ASSEM) 'EXAMPLE'

```
CLIST(ASSEM)
00010 PROC 1 DA
00020 ALLOC DA(&DA..DATA) F(FT01F001)
00030 ALLOC DA(&DA..OBJ.DATA) F(FT02F001)
00040 ALLOC DA(SYS.DATA) F(FT03F001)
00050 LOAD ASSEM
00060 FREEALL
READY
```

This command operates from the COMMAND or EDIT modes of TSO.

The file SYS.DATA should be initialized to 0000 (4 zeroes) at the beginning of the first line.

EXAMPLE

As an example of the output produced by the Assembler, a listing is given of a routine to transfer the contents of memory to a TSO dataset in Motorola paper tape format, using the MIKBUG[®] routines. This output may be reloaded with the MIKBUG[®] load command (as may the Assembler object code, of course).

A point worth mentioning is that TSO requires an even parity XOFF after receiving a full speed character string — the BI-SYNC adapter apparently requires it to control the communications line properly. Also, TSO sends an XON at the end of its output, to inform the BI-SYNC adapter to turn the line around again. If this character is garbled, either by noise, or by a transmission to TSO, the communications system locks up, and can only be restored by manually resetting the Modem at Houston. So, when this happens, hang up, log on with a different user ID, and use the PORTS command to find the port number to which you were attached. Once in a while the line clears itself, but if not, send a message to the operator, with the SEND command, explaining that you were working in such-and-such an ID, and locked up the communications system, so you logged onto the system with your present number to ask him to reset the modem you were attached to, no underscore.

M6800 FORTRAN CROSS ASSEMBLER PROGRAM LISTING

```
00010      IMPLICIT INTEGER *2(A-Z)
00020      INTEGER*4 VAL, COUNT, C, VALUE(500), I00, K2, KG0
00030      COMMON /INS/ INS(5,256)
00040      DIMENSION LINE(80), BUF(12), PUNCH(50), LABEL(5,500), IN(5)
00050      INTEGER*2 TABLE(16) // 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
00060      $ 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H',
00070      $ 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X',
00080      $ 'Y', 'Z', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00090      $ ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00100      $ ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00110      $ ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00120      $ ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00130      $ ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ',
00140      DATA ASI//, E//, W//, ZERO//, R//, R//, A//, A//, CC//, C//,
00150      $ PL//, BL//, DO//, S//, O//, O//, I//, I//, O//, O//, N//, N//
00160      $, AP0S//, AI//, H//
00170      LABEL=1
00180      COUNT=0
00190      C
00200      PICKUP NEXT ADDRESS
00210      READ(3,13,END=14)COUNT
00220      FORMAT(24,I1,5A1)
00230      CSAY=COUNT
00240      C
00250      PASS 1
      READ(1,2,END=29)LINE
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SC/MP WORD GAME — WORD G

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INTRODUCTION

The SC/MP word game is playable between two persons. One person, Player A, enters a word of no longer than 10 letters. The output terminal prints the first input character followed by question marks (?) for each remaining input characters. Entry is terminated by a carriage return. The terminal then prints the number of characters immediately following the last question mark followed by a line number (1) at the beginning of the next line.

Player B tries to guess the word by typing in one of the words printed out. The entry is terminated by hitting the space bar. At this time the terminal prints all the correct characters in corresponding positions. Question marks are printed in place of mismatch. Last the terminal types either LO or HI (for low or high). The program looks at the first mismatched character and determines if the guess was high or low tabulated in alphabetical order.

Player B is given nine more chances to guess remaining characters. At the end the computer prints out the correct word and a message. There are various messages for incorrect entries and praises for early guesses.

MEMORY REQUIREMENTS

The program fits into 1K byte storage. It may also fit into 2 mm 5204 or in RAM. In addition this program requires about 34 bytes of temporary data storage location. Presently it occupies RAM locations between HEX 816 and HEX 837. By changing five locations in the program, it can be moved elsewhere. The five locations are 1,6F, 103, 136, and 1E7. This program resides between 0 and 3FD.

RUNNING WORD G

The beginning address of the program is 00 therefore the program will start automatically at power up or can be restarted by resetting the processor. The program is written around a TV typewriter which has 32 character by 16 line format. When used with the TV typewriter circuit it performs automatic screen erase and cursor positioning at the beginning of each game.

EXAMPLES OF WORD G

SC/MP WORD GAME PROGRAM FLOW

1. At powerup, a message is displayed on how to play the game.
2. As the Player A enters a secret word the screen is erased and the word is displayed on top of the screen. It tests for non alphabetic characters. A more than 10-character word, and a space and prints appropriate message.
3. For a legal word entry it prints the first character and '?' in place of rest of the characters.
4. When a space is detected it recognizes the end of the entry and prints the number of total characters entered.
5. Then it prints a line number beginning with 1 on the next line and waits for Player B input.
6. As the Player B enters his guess word it stores them in memory for later comparison as well as echoing them on the screen.
7. At the same time it counts the number of character entry and if it exceeds 15 characters it terminates entry and prints message. Then it prints the next line number.

8. It recognizes the end of entry by detecting a space. At this time it compares the two word sizes and if mismatching, print a message and go to the next line.
9. If there is a word size matching then it proceeds to character matching. For each matching character it displays the character and '?' is printed in place of non-matching character.
10. For the first non-matching character it compares the two characters to determine if the guess character is higher or lower than secret character in ASCII. For example B is higher than A.
11. It proceeds with comparing characters to the end. Comparison of high or low is made for the first matching character only. At the end it prints—and HI or LO message depending on the result of the previous comparison.
12. Then it moves to the next line and prints next line number waiting for the next guess entry.
13. There are 3 types of messages printed when the correct guess is made:
When guessed in 3 or less tries;
You answered correctly.
You are a genius!
When guessed in 6 or less tries;
You answered correctly.
Terrific!
For the rest . . . just;
You answered correctly.
When not guessed correctly in 10 tries it prints:
Sorry you lose.
The correct answer is 'SEXYLEG'
14. The space is not allowed as a part of an entry word as it regards the space as the termination of an entry.
15. The program detects non alphabetical characters and prints a message.
16. There are numerous other messages which make the word game more interesting.

WORD G PROGRAM ASSEMBLY LISTING

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G
WORD GAME
PLAYER-A:ENTER A WORD OF UP TO
10 LETTERS, THEN HIT SPACE BAR
PLAYER-B:ENTER YOUR BEST GUESS
M22222222
ALPHAHEI ONLY, TRY AGAIN CHIEF
M22222222
1. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
2. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
3. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
INCORRECT WORD SIZE, DUMMY.
4. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
5. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
6. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
7. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
8. HAVE 3 CHANCES LEFT, GOOD LUCK
9. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
10. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
YOU ANSWERED CORRECTLY.
M22222222
1. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
2. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
3. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
4. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
5. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
6. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
7. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
8. HAVE 3 CHANCES LEFT, GOOD LUCK
9. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
10. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
YOU ANSWERED CORRECTLY.
M22222222
1. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
2. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
3. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
4. 00000000 / M22222222F-L0
5. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
6. 00000000 / M22222222F-HI
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7  WOLFSCANE /WOLFSCANE-HI
8  HAVE 3 CHANCES LEFT, GOOD LUCK
9  WOLFSCANE /WOLFSCANE-
YOU ANSWERED CORRECTLY.

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1  TITLE WORDS. SOME WORD GAME
2
3  THIS PROGRAM TAKES ABOUT 1K BYTES OF PROGRAM STORAGE
4  WITH LOCATION ZERO. IT ALSO USES ABOUT 34 RAM LOCAT
5  TEMPORARY STORAGE PURPOSES BETWEEN X'415 AND X'427
6  HAS BEEN LOADED INTO A PAIR OF MINICOM ROMS FOR PERM
7  AGE THE PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN AROUND A TV TYPEWRITER
8  HAS A 32 CHARACTER BY 15 LINE/SCREEN FORMAT
9
10 0001 P1 =1
11 0002 P2 =2
12 0003 P3 =3
13 0004 WORD =0821
14 0005 FSTG =070
15 0006 NO
16 0007 NO
17
18 PRINT BEGINNING OF GAME MESSAGE
19
20 0001 C408 REG LDI 8
21 0003 36 XPAH P2
22 0004 C420 LDI 020
23 0006 32 YPAL P2
24 0007 C402 LDI H(P2)
25 0009 37 XPAH P2
26 000A C498 LDI L(P2)+1
27 000C 33 YPAL P2
28 000D C408 LDI L(MREG)
29 000F 31 YPAL P1
30 0010 C403 LDI H(MREG)
31 0012 35 XPAH P1
32 0013 C501 NI LD 31(P1)
33 0015 36 XPPC P3
34 0016 31 XPAL P1
35 0017 C4FA ST -4(P2)
36 0019 E432 XRI L(P2)+1
37 001B 9805 JZ DO
38 001D C4FA LD -4(P2)
39 001F 31 XPAL P1
40 0020 90F1 JMP NI
41
42 REMAINING OF GAME (END OF THE POINT OF RETURN) ETC
43
44 0022 C400 TAG LDI 00
45 0024 3F XPAH P2
46 0025 C400 LDI 00
47 0027 3F XPAH P2
48 0028 C420 LDI 00
49 0029 3F XPAH P2
50 002B C420 LDI 00
51 002D 3F XPPC P3
52 002F C400 LDI 0
53 0030 C4FA ST -4(P2)
54
55 GET CHARACTER. DO NOT ECHO. REFER TO SOME LIDS LIE
56 COMMENTS
57
58 0032 C408 RETC LDI 8
59 0034 C4FF ST -1(P2)
60 0035 0A GRET CSA 020
61 0037 D420 ANI 020
62 0039 9CEB INZ 0821
63 003B C407 LDI 0
64 003D 8E04 DLI 4
65 003F 06 CSA 020
66 0040 D420 ANI 020
67 0042 9CF2 INZ GRET
68 0044 C47F GLOOP LDI 128
69 0046 8F08 SET 8
70 0048 0A CSA 020
71 0049 D420 ANI 020
72 004B 9802 JZ B2
73 004D C401 LDI 1
74 004F C4FF B2 ST -3(P2)
75 0051 1F RFI
76 0053 01 CSA 020
77 0055 10 SRL 8
78 0057 01 XDE 0
79 0059 B4FF BLD -1(P2)
80 005B 9CEB INZ 0821
81 005D 40 LDI 0
82 005F D47F ANI 07F
83 0061 01 XDE 0
84 0063 C3F6 LD -1(P2)
85 0065 9C14 INZ NENTRY
86
87 FIRST CHARACTER OF SECRET WORD IS ENTERED
88
89 0061 C455 FENTRY LDI 020
90 0063 01 XDE 0
91 0065 19 STO 0
92 0067 19 STO 0
93 0069 19 STO 0
94 006B 19 STO 0
95 006D 01 XDE 0
96 006F C4F6 LDI L(P2)
97 0071 C421 LDI L(WORD)
98 0073 31 XPAL P1
99 0075 C408 LDI H(WORD)
100 0077 35 XPAH P1
101 0079 C400 LDI 0
102 007B C4F9 ST -7(P2)
103
104 REMAINING CHARACTERS OF SECRET WORD ARE ENTERED
105 TEST FOR SPACE, #, AND ALPHABET
106
107 0075 C420 NENTRY LDI 020
108 0077 60 XRE 0
109 0079 985A JZ TSPACE
110 007B C424 LDI #
111 007D 40 XPE 0
112 007F 985A JZ 100
113 0081 C430 LDI 0
114 0083 03 SCL 0
115 0085 78 CAE 0
116 0087 943A IP NOALP
117 0089 03 SCL 0

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118 008A C45B LDI 7+1
119 008B 78 JGE 0
120 008D 9432 JP 0
121 008F 9032 JMP NOALP
122
123 STORE CHARACTERS IN MEMORY. TEST FOR LIMIT IN WORD
124 PRINT 1st CHARACTER AND # AND ALL OTHERS E.G. G
125 GAME
126
127 008D 40 ALPHA LDE* 01(P1)
128 008E C0D1 ST 01(P1)
129 0090 AAF2 ILD -7(P2)
130 0092 E40B XRI 10
131 0094 980C JZ EXCD
132 0096 E40A XRI 10
133 0098 9C04 INZ NOF
134 009A 40 LDE 0
135 009C 3F XPPC P3
136 009E 9094 XPPC P3
137 00A0 C43F NOF LDI 0
138 00A2 90F9 JMP POC
139
140 WORD SIZE EXCEEDED. PRINT ERROR MESSAGE AND RETURN
141 BEGINNING
142
143 00A2 C432 EXCD LDI L(MEXC)
144 00A4 31 XPAL P1
145 00A5 C403 LDI H(MEXC)
146 00A7 35 XPAH P1
147 00A8 C501 N2 LD 01(P1)
148 00AA 3F XPPC P3
149 00AC 31 XPAL P1
150 00AE C4FA ST -6(P2)
151 00AF E44C XRI L(MNAL)
152 00B0 9805 JZ TAG1
153 00B2 C3FA LD -5(P2)
154 00B4 31 XPAL P1
155 00B6 90F1 INZ 0
156 00B8 C400 TAG1 LDI 0
157 00BA 35 XPAH P1
158 00BC C470 LDI 070
159 00BE 31 XPAL P1
160 00B0 91B1 JMP TAG1-5(P2)+1
161
162 CHARACTERS OTHER THAN ALPHABET ENTERED. PRINT ERROR
163
164 00BF C44C NOALP LDI L(MNAL)
165 00C1 31 XPAL P1
166 00C2 C403 LDI H(MNAL)
167 00C4 35 XPAH P1
168 00C5 C501 N3 LD 01(P1)
169 00C7 3F XPPC P3
170 00C9 31 XPAL P1
171 00CB C4FA ST -6(P2)
172 00CD E46R XRI L(MIMM)
173 00CF 98E8 JZ TAG1
174 00D1 C3FA LD -6(P2)
175 00D3 31 XPAL P1
176 00D5 90F1 JMP N3
177
178 FIRST SECRET LETTER ENTERED IS SPACE. PRINT ERROR M
179 IF NOT PRINT NUMBER OF CHARACTERS
180 TSPACE LD -7(P2)
181 00DA E400 XRI 0
182 00DB 98E5 JZ NOALP
183 00DD 02 CCL 0
184 00DE D030 ORI 030
185 00E0 3F XPPC P3
186 00E2 C400 LDI 0
187 00E4 C4F6 ST -10(P2)
188
189 ENTER SPACE AT END OF SECRET WORD. UPDATE LINE COUN
190 PER OF GUESSES) AND PRINT
191
192 00E3 C400 SPACE LDI 00
193 00E4 3F XPAH P3
194 00E5 C40A LDI 0A
195 00E7 3F XPPC P3
196 00E8 AAF6 ILD -10(P2)
197 00EA 03 CCL 0
198 00EB F430 ORI 030
199 00ED E43A XRI 030
200 00EF 9805 JZ TEN
201 00F1 E43A XRI 030
202 00F3 3F XPPC P3
203 00F5 9003 JMP COUNT
204 00F6 C430 LDI 0
205 00F8 3F XPPC P3
206
207 TEST GUESS WORD FOR #, SPACE, AND SIZE. PUT IN TEMP
208
209 00F9 C420 COUNT LDI 020
210 00FB 3F XPPC P3
211 00FD C400 LDI 0
212 00FF CAF8 ST -8(P2)
213 0100 CAF7 ST -9(P2)
214 0102 C408 LDI H(WORD)
215 0104 35 XPAH P1
216 0105 C42B LDI L(WORD)+10
217 0107 31 XPAL P1
218 0108 C402 N4 JS P3,CEC0
219 010A 37C4 010A 37C4
220 010C 5C33 010C 5C33
221 010E 3F 010E 3F
222 0110 C47F LDI 07F
223 0112 98F4 XRE 0
224 0114 C424 LDI #
225 0116 60 XRE 0
226 0117 989E JZ TAG1
227 0119 C420 LDI 020
228 011B 60 XRE 0
229 011D 980B JZ NSPACE
230 011F 40 LDE 0
231 0121 C0D1 ST 01(P1)
232 0123 E40F ILD -8(P2)
233 0125 984D XRI 10
234 0127 90DF JZ IMM
235
236 COMPARE SIZE OF SECRET AND GUESS WORD THEN COMPARE C
237 BY CHARACTER. PRINT CHARACTER IF MATCHING AND # IF

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237      .MATCHING
238
239 0129 C2F9 NSPCE LD      -7(P2)
240 012B 01      XAE
241 012C C2F8 LD      -8(P2)
242 012E 60      XRE
243 012F 9C43 JNZ      IMM
244 0131 C400 LDI      0
245 0133 CAF8 ST      -8(P2)
246 0135 C408 LDI      H(WORD)
247 0137 35      XPAH P1
248 0138 C421 LDI      L(WORD)
249 013A 31      XRG P1
250 013B C402 LDI      H(PUTC)
251 013D 37      XPAH P3
252 013E C49B LDI      L(PUTC)-1
253 0140 83      XPAL P3
254 0141 C42F LDI      0
255 0143 8F      XPC P3
256 0144 C501 N6 LD      0(P1)
257 0146 01      XAE
258 0147 C109 LD      0(P1)
259 0149 60      XRE
260 014A 9834 0
261 014C C43F LDI      0
262 014E 3F      XPC P3
263 014F C2F7 LD      -9(P2)
264 0151 9C13 JNZ      TLASC
265 0153 C1FF LD      -1(P1)
266 0155 01      XAE
267 0158 C109 LD      0(P1)
268 015B 03      SUL
269 0159 78      XAE
270 015A 9A06 JP      HIGH
271 015C C401 LDI      1
272 015E CAF7 ST      -9(P2)
273 0160 9004 JMP      TLASC
274 0162 C402 HIGH LDI      2
275 0164 CAF7 ST      -9(P2)
276
277      .TEST FOR COMPLETION OF COMPARISON
278
279 0166 AAF8 TLASC LLD      -8(P2)
280 0168 01      XAE
281 0169 C2F9 LD      -7(P2)
282 016B 60      XRE
283 016C 9821 JZ      PMESS
284 016E 90D4 JMP      N6
285 0170 40      CHATCH LDE
286 0171 3F      XPC P3
287 0172 90F2 JMP      TLASC
288
289      .ERROR MESSAGE FOR INCORRECT WORD SIZE
290
291 0174 C4A8 IMM LDI      L(MIMM)
292 0176 31      XPAH P1
293 0177 C403 LDI      H(MIMM)
294 0179 35      XPAH P1
295 017A C402 LDI      H(PUTC)
296 017C 37      XPAH P3
297 017D C49B LDI      L(PUTC)-1
298 017F 33      XPAL P3
299 0180 C501 N5 LD      0(P1)
300 0182 3F      XPC P3
301 0183 31      XPAL P1
302 0184 CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
303 0186 E487 XRI      L(MGL)
304 0188 981E JZ      N6
305 018A C2FA LD      -8(P2)
306 018C 31      XPAL P1
307 018D 90F1 JMP      N5
308
309      .PRINT "LO HI MESSAGE, GOOD LUCK MESSAGE AT THE EN
310      .TRY AND SORRY YOU LOSE MESSAGE AT THE END OF THE I
311
312 018F C42D PMESS LDI      0
313 0191 3F      XPC P3
314 0192 C2F7 LD      -9(P2)
315 0194 987A JZ      CORRA
316 0196 E401 XRI      1
317 0198 9C08 JNZ      MHI
318 019A C44C LDI      L
319 019C 3F      XPC P3
320 019D C44F LDI      0
321 019F 3F      XPC P3
322 01A0 9006 JMP      MGL
323 01A2 C448 MHI LDI      H
324 01A4 3F      XPC P3
325 01A5 C449 LDI      "I"
326 01A7 3F      XPC P3
327 01A8 C2FA NGC LD      -10(P2)
328 01AA E407 XRI      7
329 01AC 980E JZ      GL
330 01AE C2FA LD      -10(P2)
331 01B0 E40A XRI      10
332 01B2 981D JZ      SUL
333
334      .JUMP BACK AND WAIT FOR NEXT GUESS WORD ENTRY
335
336 01B4 C400 SPACE1 LDI      0
337 01B6 35      XPAH P1
338 01B7 C470 LDI      070
339 01B9 31      XPAL P1
340 01BA 9171 JMP      SPACE-PSPTG(P1)
341
342      .PRINT "-----GOOD LUCK MESSAGE
343
344 01BC C487 GL: LDI      L(MGL)
345 01BE 31      XPAL P1
346 01BF C403 LDI      H(MGL)
347 01C1 35      XPAH P1
348 01C2 C501 N7 LD      0(P1)
349 01C4 3F      XPC P3
350 01C5 31      XPAL P1
351 01C6 CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
352 01C8 E4A8 XRI      L(MSUL)
353 01CA 98E8 JZ      SPACE1
354 01CC C2FA LD      -6(P2)
355 01CE 31      XPAL P1
356 01CF 90F1 JMP      N7
357
358      .PRINT "SORRY YOU LOSE-----" MESSAGE
359
360 01D1 C4A8 SUL LDI      L(MSUL)
361 01D3 31      XPAL P1
362 01D4 C403 LDI      H(MSUL)
363 01D6 35      XPAH P1
364 01D7 C501 N8 LD      0(P1)
365 01D9 3F      XPC P3
366 01DA 31      XPAL P1
367 01DB CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
368 01DD E4CB XRI      L(MCOA1)+2
369 01DF 9805 JZ      SECW
370 01E1 C2FA LD      -6(P2)
371 01E3 31      XPAL P1
372 01E4 90F1 JMP      N8
373
374      .PRINT "THE SECRET WORD IS *SECRET* MESSAGE
375
376 01E6 C408 SECW LDI      H(WORD)
377 01E8 35      XPAH P1
378 01E9 C421 LDI      L(WORD)
379 01EB 31      XPAL P1
380 01EC C42A LDI      "*"
381 01EE 3F      XPC P3
382 01EF C501 N9 LD      0(P1)
383 01F1 3F      XPC P3
384 01F2 31      XPAL P1
385 01F3 CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
386 01F5 C2F9 LD      -7(P2)
387 01F7 02      CCL
388 01F8 F421 ADI      L(WORD)
389 01FA 01      XAE
390 01FB C2FA LD      -8(P2)
391 01FD 60      XRE
392 01FE 9805 JZ      ESEC
393 0200 C2FA LD      -6(P2)
394 0202 31      XPAL P1
395 0203 90EA JMP      N9
396 0205 C42A ESEC LDI      "*"
397 0207 3F      XPC P3
398
399      .SET POINTER TO JUMP TO BEGINNING OF GAME
400
401 0208 C400 TAG2 LDI      0
402 020A 35      XPAH P1
403 020B C470 LDI      070
404 020D 31      XPAL P1
405 020E 91B1 JMP      TAG-PSPTG(P1)
406
407      .PRINT "YOU ANSWERED CORRECTLY" MESSAGE
408
409 0210 C4C9 CORRA LDI      L(MCOA1)
410 0212 31      XPAL P1
411 0213 C403 LDI      H(MCOA1)
412 0215 35      XPAH P1
413 0216 C501 N10 LD      0(P1)
414 0218 3F      XPC P3
415 0219 31      XPAL P1
416 021A CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
417 021C E4E4 XRI      L(MCOA2)
418 021E 9805 JZ      SCORE
419 0220 C2FA LD      -6(P2)
420 0222 31      XPAL P1
421 0223 90F1 JMP      N10
422
423      .PRINT "YOU ARE A GENIUS MESSAGE IF GUESSED
424      .IN LESS THAN 3 TRIES
425
426 0225 C2FA SCORE LD      -10(P2)
427 0227 08      SCI
428 0228 FC03 CAI      3
429 022A 9415 JP      NSCORE
430 022C E4E4 LDI      L(MCOA2)
431 022E 31      XPAL P1
432 022F C403 LDI      H(MCOA2)
433 0231 35      XPAH P1
434 0232 C501 N11 LD      0(P1)
435 0234 3F      XPC P3
436 0235 31      XPAL P1
437 0236 CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
438 0238 E4F5 XRI      L(MCOA3)
439 023A 98CC JZ      TAG2
440 023C C2FA LD      -6(P2)
441 023E 31      XPAL P1
442 023F 90F1 JMP      N11
443
444      .PRINT "TERRIFIC" MESSAGE IF GUESSED IN LESS THAN 7 T
445
446 0241 C2FA NSCORE LD      -10(P2)
447 0243 03      SCL
448 0244 FC06 CAI      6
449 0246 94C0 JP      TAG2
450 0248 C4F5 LDI      L(MCOA3)
451 024A 31      XPAL P1
452 024B C403 LDI      H(MCOA3)
453 024D 35      XPAH P1
454 024E C501 N12 LD      0(P1)
455 0250 3F      XPC P3
456 0251 31      XPAL P1
457 0252 CAF8 ST      -6(P2)
458 0254 E4FE XRI      L(MEND)
459 0256 98B0 JZ      TAG2
460 0258 C2FA LD      -6(P2)
461 025A 31      XPAL P1
462 025B 90F1 JMP      N12
463
464      .PAGE LOCAL
465 025D C408 GECO LDI      8
466 025F C4FF ST      -1(P2)
467 0261 06      CSA
468 0262 D420 ANI      020
469 0264 9CFB JNZ      $2
470 0266 C457 LDI      87
471 0268 8F04 DLY      4
472 026A 06      CSA
473 026B D420 ANI      020
474 026D 9CF2 JNZ      $2
475 026F 07      CAS
476 0270 DC01 ORI      1
477 0272 07      CAS
478 0273 C47E #LOOP LDI      126
479 0275 8F08 DLY      8

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480 0277 06      CSA
481 0278 D420    ANI      020
482 027A 9802    JZ       #3
483 027C C401    LDJ      1
484 027E C4FE    #3      #3
485 0280 1F      RFL
486 0281 01      XAE
487 0282 1D      SRL
488 0283 01      XAE
489 0284 06      CSA
490 0285 DC01    ORI      1
491 0287 E2FE    XOR      -2(P2)
492 0289 07      CAS
493 028A BAFF    DLD      -1(P2)
494 028C 9CE5    JNZ      $LOOP
495 028E 06      CSA
496 028F D4FE    ANI      0FE
497 0291 07      CAS
498 0292 8F08    DLY      8
499 0294 40      LDE
500 0295 D47F    ANI      07F
501 0297 01      XAE
502 0298 40      LDE
503 0299 3F      XFFL    P3
504 029A 90C1    JMP      GECO
505
506      PAGE      PUTC
      LOCAL
507 029C 01      XAE
508 029D C4FE    LDJ      255
509 029F 8F17    DLY      23
510 02A1 06      CSA
511 02A2 DC01    ORI      1
512 02A4 07      CAS
513 02A5 C409    LDJ      9
514 02A7 C4FF    ST       -1(P2)
515 02A9 C48A    LDJ      138
516 02AB 8F08    DLY      8
517 02AD BAFF    DLD      -1(P2)
518 02AF 9810    JZ       $EXIT
519 02B1 40      LDE
520 02B2 D401    ANI      1
521 02B4 C4FE    ST       -2(P2)
522 02B6 01      XAE
523 02B7 1C      SR
524 02B8 01      XAE
525 02B9 06      CSA
526 02BA DC01    ORI      1
527 02BC E2FE    XOR      -2(P2)
528 02BE 07      CAS
529 02BF 90E8    JMP      #1
530 02C1 06      CSA
531 02C2 D4FE    ANI      0FE
532 02C4 07      CAS
533 02C5 3F      XFFL    P3
534 02C6 90DA    JMP      PUTC
535 02C8 0D0A    DBYTE X'0D0A
536 02CA 574F    ASCII  'WORD GAME'
      MBEQ
      02CC 5244
      02CE 2047
      02D0 414D
      02D2 45
537 02D3 0D0A    DBYTE X'0D0A
538 02D5 504C    ASCII  'PLAYER-A ENTER A WORD OF UP TO'
      02D7 4159
      02D9 4552
      02DB 2D41
      02DD 3A45
      02DF 4E54
      02E1 4552
      02E3 2041
      02E5 2057
      02E7 4F52
      02E9 4420
      02EB 4F46
      02ED 2055
      02EF 5026
      02F1 544F
539 02F3 0D0A    DBYTE X'0D0A
540 02F5 3130    ASCII  '10 LETTERS. THEN HIT SPACE BAR'
      02F7 204C
      02F9 4554
      02FB 5445
      02FD 5253
      02FF 2C54
      0301 4845
      0303 4E20
      0305 4849
      0307 5420
      0309 5350
      030B 4143
      030D 4520
      030F 4241
      0311 52
541 0312 0D0A    DBYTE X'0D0A
542 0314 504F    ASCII  'PLAYER-B ENTER YOUR BEST GUESS'
      0316 4159
      0318 4552
      031A 2D42
      031C 3A45
      031E 4E54
      0320 4552
      0322 2059
      0324 4F55
      0326 5220
      0328 4245
      032A 5354
      032C 2047
      032E 5545
      0330 5353
543 0332 0D0A    MEXC.  DBYTE X'0D0A
544 0334 4C49    ASCII  'LIMIT EXCEEDED. WISE GUY'
      0336 4D49
      0338 5420
      033A 4558
      033C 4345
      033E 4544
      0340 4544
      0342 2C57
      0344 4953
      0346 4520
      0348 4755
      034A 592E
      034C 0D0A    MNAL.  DBYTE X'0D0A
      034E 414C    ASCII  'ALPHABET ONLY TRY AGAIN CUTIE'
      0350 5048
      0352 4142
      0354 4554
      0356 204F
      0358 4E4C
      035A 592E
      035C 5452
      035E 5920
      0360 4147
      0362 4149
      0364 4E20
      0366 4355
      0368 5449
      036A 45
      036C 0D0A    MINW.  DBYTE X'0D0A
      036D 494E    ASCII  'INCORRECT WORD SIZE. DUMMY'
      036F 434F
      0371 5252
      0373 4543
      0375 5420
      0377 574F
      0379 5244
      037B 2053
      037D 495A
      037F 452C
      0381 4455
      0383 4D4D
      0385 592E
      0387 0D0A    MGL.   DBYTE X'0D0A
      0389 5520    ASCII  'U HAVE 3 CHANCES LEFT GOOD LUCK'
      038B 4841
      038D 5645
      038F 2033
      0391 2043
      0393 4841
      0395 4E43
      0397 4553
      0399 204C
      039B 4546
      039D 542E
      039F 474F
      03A1 4F44
      03A3 204C
      03A5 5543
      03A7 4E
      03A9 0D0A    MSUL.  DBYTE X'0D0A
      03AB 534F    ASCII  'SORRY U LOSE THE SECRET WORD IS'
      03AC 5252
      03AE 5920
      03B0 5520
      03B2 4C4F
      03B4 5345
      03B6 2E54
      03B8 4845
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      03BE 5245
      03C0 5420
      03C2 574F
      03C4 5244
      03C6 2049
      03C8 53
      03CA 0D0A    MCOA1. DBYTE X'0D0A
      03CB 594F    ASCII  'YOU ANSWERED CORRECTLY'
      03CD 5520
      03CF 414F
      03D1 5357
      03D3 4552
      03D5 4544
      03D7 2043
      03D9 4F52
      03DB 5245
      03DD 4354
      03DF 4C59
      03E1 2E
      03E2 0D0A    MCOA2. DBYTE X'0D0A
      03E4 594F    ASCII  'YOU ARE A GENIUS.'
      03E6 5520
      03E8 4152
      03EA 4520
      03EC 4120
      03EE 4745
      03F0 4E49
      03F2 5553
      03F4 2E
      03F5 5445    MCOA3. ASCII  'TERRIFIC!'
      03F7 5252
      03F9 4946
      03FB 4943
      03FD 21
      0000    MEND:    END
      ALPHA 008D    BEG      0001 *      BZ      004F
      CMATCH 0170    CORRA   0210    COUNT   00F8
      ESEC   0205    EXCED   00A2    FENTRY   0061
      GECO   025D    GETC    0032    GL       018C
      GLOOP  0044    GRET    0036    HIGH    0162
      IMW    0174    MBEQ   02C8    MCOA1    03C9
      MCOA2  03E4    MCOA3  03F5    MEND     03FE
      MEXC   0332    MNAL   0387    PHI      01A2
      MINW   036D    MNAL   034C    MSUL     03A8
      N1      0013    N10     0216    N11      0232
      N12     024E    N2      00A8    N3       00C5
      N4      0108    N5      0180    N6       0144
      N7      01C2    N8      01D7    N9       01EF
      NENTRY  0075    NGC     01A8    NOALP    00EF
      NOF     009E    NSCORE  0241    NSPCE    0129
      P1      0001    P2      0002    P3       0003
      PGEC   009E    PMESS   018F    PSPTG    0070
      PUTC   029C    SCORE   0225    SECW     01E6
      SPACE  00E2    SPACE1  01B4    SUL       0101
      TAG    0022    TAG1    00E7    TAG2     0208
      TEN    00F5    TLASC   0166    TSPACE   00D4
      WORD   0821    #1      02A9    #2       0261
      #3      027E    $EXIT   02C1    $LOOP    0273
      NO ERROR LINES
      SOURCE CHECKSUM=6F4E
      FIRST INPUT SECTOR HEX - 0300
      FINAL INPUT SECTOR HEX - 0311

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SOFTWARE BUGS

This program was first published in the October issue

Biorhythm

By William T. Mitchell

One of the more visible changes which have taken place in our society over the past few years, is that an increasing number of people are taking an interest in subjects which they would have dismissed as superstitious folly only a short time ago. Transcendental Meditation is now widely practiced, and appears to be becoming more common by the day. Astrology was once almost universally regarded as pure hokum: now nearly everyone knows the sign of the Zodiac under which they were born and an increasing number of persons seem to take seriously the "influence" of the stars.

Biorhythms are another area which has seen increasing interest. One company has recently marketed a pocket calculator which will tell you the status of your Biorhythm Cycle on any given day. This article describes a BASIC program to plot anyone's Biorhythm Chart for any given time period. The chart produced is 64 columns wide, and can be displayed on a 64x16 CRT monitor if no hardcopy device is available.

The Biorhythm theory postulates that there are certain metabolic cycles, known as *inner clocks*, which have a constant period in the human body. The three main cycles are a 23-day *Physical Cycle*, a 28-day *Emotional Cycle* and a 33-day *Intellectual Cycle*. The Physical cycle is associated with physical vitality, endurance and energy level. The Emotional cycle corresponds to sensitivity, intuition and cheerfulness. The Intellectual cycle is related to mental alertness, cognitive power and judgement ability. All three cycles start at zero on the upswing at the moment of birth and continue unbroken throughout a person's lifetime.*

According to Biorhythm Theory, the high periods of a cycle are the times when a person will probably have the most energy, be most cheerful, mentally sharp, outgoing and alert. The low periods can be regarded as recuperative times, when the body is recharging its batteries. The days on which any cycle crosses the Zero line are called *Critical Days*, and performance may be unstable on these days.

The Biorhythm program presented in this article generally flows from top to bottom. It is divided into several distinct sections, each doing a specific job and each headed by a descriptive remark. In most cases I find it natural to program in this format. I try to stay with this format even at the cost of extra effort because it makes programs relatively easy to read and understand when I want to modify them after six months of not looking at them.

*The tenuousness of the theory hinges upon this postulated starting point. There is no "moment of birth," merely a series of steps in an ongoing process of development. The day of birth is a legal or civic rather than biological event. —ed.

The 100 series statements initialize the program. Arrays are dimensioned, the string array T\$ is loaded with the names of the days of the week, the 12-element array F is loaded with the number of days in each month and the constant K is set to $2 \cdot \pi$.

The 200-series statements obtain input data for the program. It is important to note here that the program requires input of the date in an unusual format, requiring the full four digit year instead of the more usual last two digits. I have found that in situations such as this it is usually a mistake to expect people to read and follow instructions, so it is best to anticipate bad input data and provide error messages and recovery where possible. In this case, if only the last two digits of the year are entered the program will correct the year to a 20th Century date and print the corrected date. I only checked the year because I felt that this was the only input parameter where unintentional error was really likely, and I wanted to conserve program space.

Because of the numerous calls we have received regarding this program, we are publishing it a second time with the author's corrections and a new listing.

The 300-series statements calculate the number of days which have elapsed between the birthdate supplied and the start of the Biorhythm chart. Leap years are taken into account and extra days are added as required. Also, since the algorithm used to calculate the day of the week is only valid for dates since September 14, 1752 (when the Gregorian calendar was introduced) P1 and P2 are reset to 8 to print a blank for the weekday name opposite dates prior to this. If you will be modifying this program or rewriting it for a different version of BASIC, this section is the most likely source of errors. When I checked an early version of this program against two Biorhythm plotters available on a local timesharing service I found that all three gave different charts. Checking further into this, I found that all three charts were wrong. I fixed the problems with my program and notified the systems managers of the timesharing service of the problems. Figure 2 is part of a typical test run, showing some of the checks which must be made to verify that the program operates properly.

The 400-series statements print the chart header and set F(2) to 29 if we're beginning plotting a leap year.

BIORHYTHM CHART FOR BILL MITCHELL

BORN ON TUE 3/ 2/ 1943
 BEGINNING SUN 5/ 1/ 1977

P=PHYSICAL (23 DAYS)
 E=EMOTIONAL (28 DAYS)
 I=INTELLECTUAL (33 DAYS)
 A=OVERALL AVERAGE

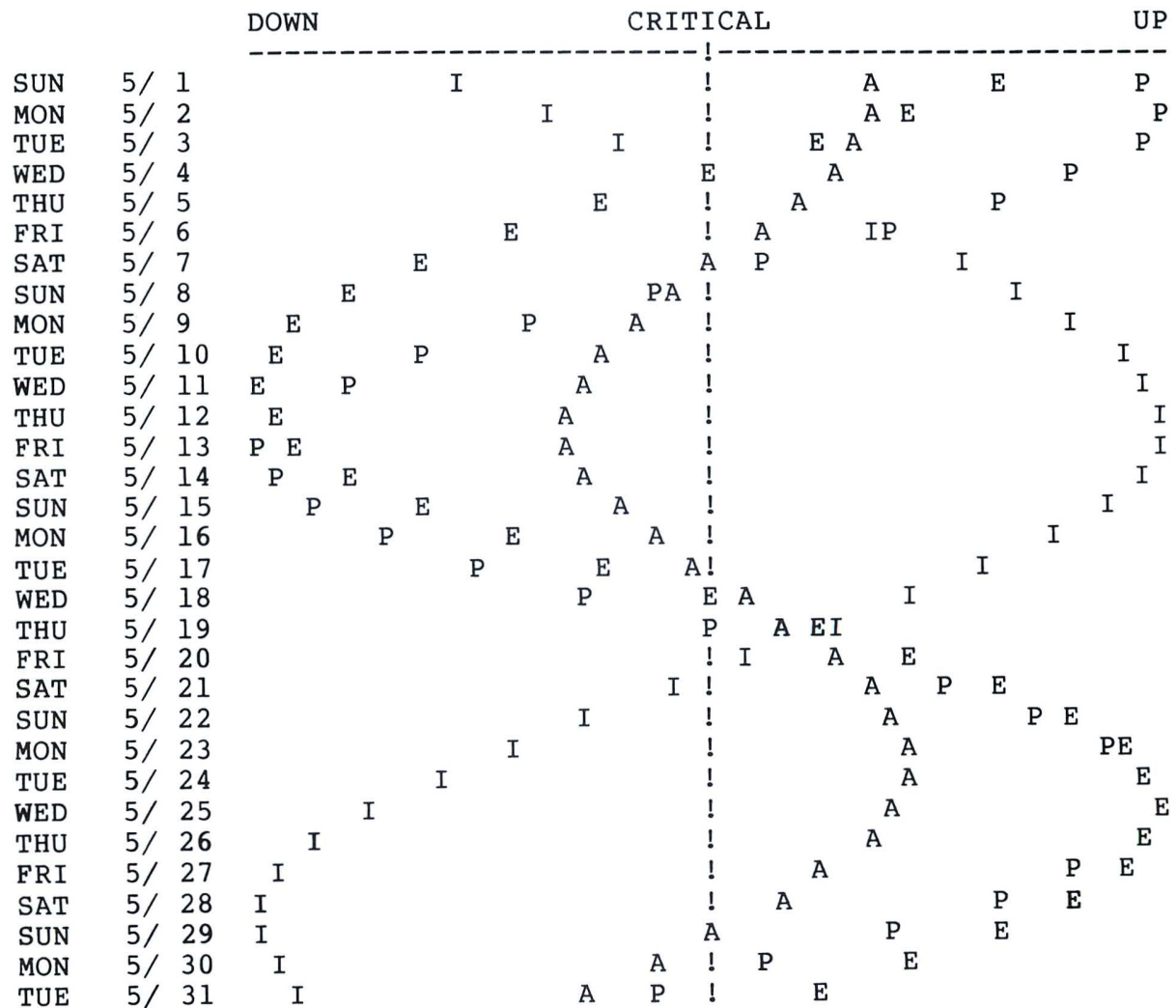


Figure 1. This is a typical biorhythm chart showing the interrelationship between the Physical, Emotional and Intellectual cycles.

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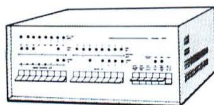
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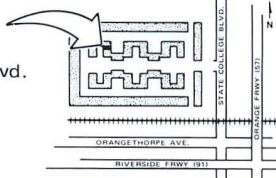
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The 500-series statements do the actual work of generating the chart. If the version of BASIC you are using does not include a SIN function, the Series 900 subroutine can be used with the modification discussed being made in Lines 535 through 580. Of course, using the Series 900 subroutine to generate the SIN function will cause the program to run much more slowly than if a BASIC SIN function is used. The actual body of the Biorhythm chart is printed in the string array O\$. If access to individual characters in a string is not available, the string O\$ could be eliminated and the characters to be printed sorted by position and printed with tabs.

The PRINT#4 statements in Sections 400 and 500 cause my system to print the Biorhythm Chart on a hard-copy printer. If your system has no hardcopy printer, changing these statements to simple PRINT statements should cause the chart to be displayed on the terminal's CRT monitor.

The 600-series statements increment the day, month and year counters. F(2) is reset to 28 or 29 as required for leap years.

The 700-series subroutine sets pointer P2 according to the day of the week corresponding to the date in M2, D2 and Y2.

The 800-series subroutine calculates the number of days expended in prior months of the current year.

The 900-series subroutine allows the calculation required by Lines 535, 550 and 565 of the program to be performed on systems running versions of BASIC which lack the SIN function. In order to use this subroutine, Lines 535 and 540 should be replaced with the following statements:

```
535 X = 23
536 GOSUB 900
540 O$[X*25 + 26] = "P"
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Lines 550 through 580 should also be rewritten, calling the subroutine with X set to 28 and 33 and making the required adjustment in the pointers into the string O\$.

Since completing this program, I've plotted Biorhythm Charts for most of my friends. I find that I'm watching my own chart for any correlation between my charted Biorhythms on any day and how that day actually turned out. If my experience is anything to go by, the Biorhythm plotter on your system will be one of your more often used programs.

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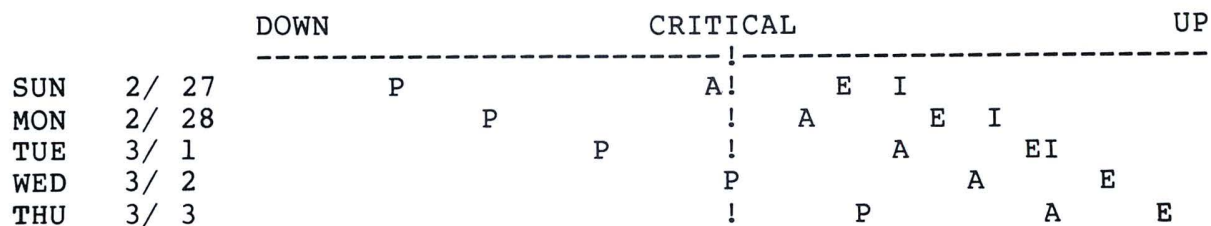
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BIORYTHM CHART FOR NO LEAP YRS

BORN ON SAT 2/ 27/ 1965
 BEGINNING SUN 2/ 27/ 1966

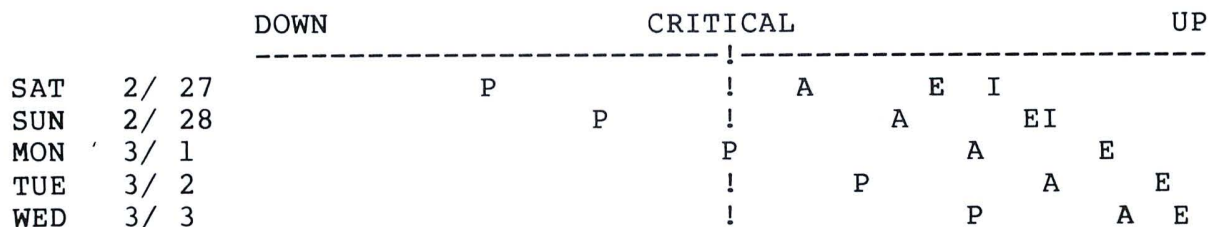
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BIORYTHM CHART FOR BEGINNING LEAP YR

BORN ON THU 2/ 27/ 1964
 BEGINNING SAT 2/ 27/ 1965

P=PHYSICAL (23 DAYS)
 E=EMOTIONAL (28 DAYS)
 I=INTELLECTUAL (33 DAYS)
 A=OVERALL AVERAGE



BIORYTHM CHART FOR ENDING LEAP YR

BORN ON WED 2/ 27/ 1963
 BEGINNING THU 2/ 27/ 1964

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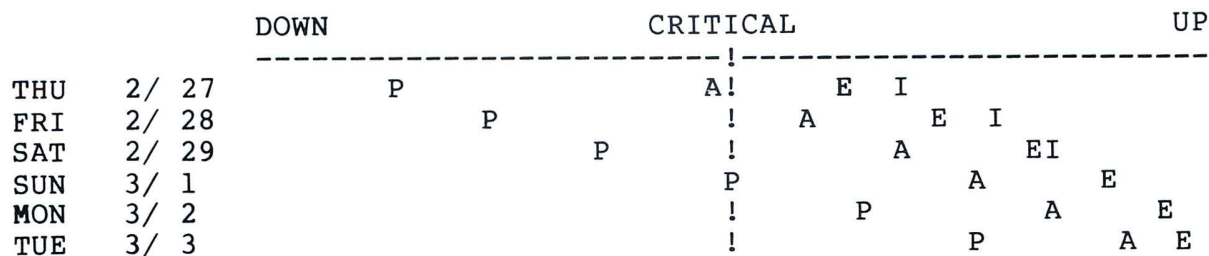


Figure 2. This is the result of some test runs to determine that the Leap Years are being handled correctly. These tests show that the Physical cycle crosses the Zero Line 369 days after birth whether or not a Leap Year is involved.

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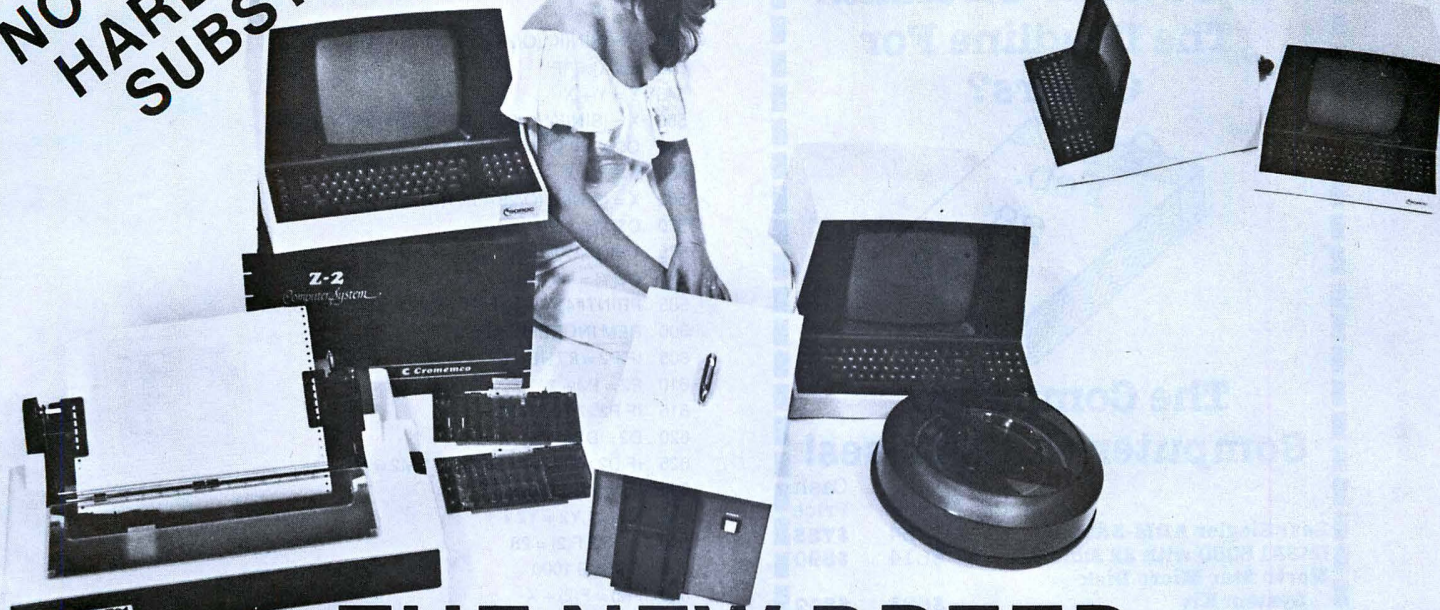
LISTING 1 This is a listing of the Biorhythm Plotting Program

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10  REM BIORHYTHM PLOTTING PROGRAM
120 DIM F[12],J[2],Z$[20],T$[8,3],O$[51]
130 READ T$[1],T$[2],T$[3],T$[4],T$[5],T$[6],T$[7],T$[8],K
140 DATA
    "SUN","MON","TUE","WED","THU","FRI","SAT","",6,28318
150 READ F[1],F[2],F[3],F[4],F[5],F[6],F[7],F[8],F[9],F[10],F[11],F[12]
160 DATA 31,28,31,30,31,30,31,30,31,30,31,30,31
200 REM DATA INPUT
205 PRINT "ENTER YOUR NAME: ";
210 INPUT Z$
215 PRINT "ENTER DATES IN THE FORMAT MM,DD,YYYY"
220 PRINT "EXAMPLE — JUNE 16, 1944 WOULD BE 6,16,1944"
225 PRINT
230 PRINT TAB 11;"BIRTHDATE: ";
235 INPUT M1,D1,Y1
240 IF Y1>99 THEN 255
245 Y1 = Y1 + 1900
250 PRINT TAB 25,Y1
255 M2 = M1,D2 = D1,Y2 = Y1
260 GOSUB 700
265 P1 = P2
270 PRINT "START DATE FOR CHART: ";
275 INPUT M2,D2,Y2
280 IF Y2>99 THEN 295
285 Y2 = Y2 + 1900
290 PRINT TAB 25,Y2
295 GOSUB 700
297 PRINT "LENGTH OF CHART IN DAYS: ";
298 INPUT L
300 REM CALCULATE OFFSET, CONSIDER LEAP YEARS
305 X = M1
310 GOSUB 800
315 J1 = J2 + D1 + Y1*365
320 IF J1<639723 THEN P1 = 8
325 X = M2
330 GOSUB 800
335 J2 = J2 + D2 + Y2*365
340 IF J2<639723 THEN P2 = 8
345 N1 = Y2 - .1
346 O = J2 - J1 + INT(N1/4) - INT(Y1/4) - INT(N1/100) + INT(Y1/100) +
    INT(N1/400) - INT(Y1/400)
350 IF M1>2 THEN 370
355 X = Y1
360 GOSUB 1000
365 O = O + X
370 IF M2>3 THEN 400
375 X = Y2
380 GOSUB 1000
385 O = O + X
400 REM PRINT HEADER
405 FOR I = 1 TO 5
410 PRINT#4,
415 NEXT I
420 PRINT#4,TAB 20;"BIORHYTHM CHART FOR ";Z$
425 PRINT#4,
430 PRINT#4,TAB 28;"BORN ON ";T$[P1];" ";M1;" ";D1;" ";Y1
435 PRINT#4,TAB 28;"BEGINNING ";T$[P2];" ";M2;" ";D2;" ";Y2
440 PRINT#4,
445 PRINT#4,TAB 28,"P = PHYSICAL (23 DAYS)"
450 PRINT#4,TAB 28,"E = EMOTIONAL (28 DAYS)"
455 PRINT#4,TAB 28,"I = INTELLECTUAL (33 DAYS)"
460 PRINT#4,TAB 28,"A = OVERALL AVERAGE"
465 PRINT#4,
470 PRINT#4,TAB 13,"DOWN";TAB 34;"CRITICAL";TAB 62;"UP"
475 PRINT#4,TAB 13;".....!"
480 REM SET F(2) TO 29 FOR LEAP YEARS
485 X = Y2
490 GOSUB 1000
495 F(2) = F(2) + X
500 REM GENERATE CHART
    
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505 L = O + L
510 C = 0
515 FOR O = 0 TO L - 1
520 C = C + 1
525 O$ = " "
530 Y = 0
535 X = (SIN(K*(O/23 - INT(O/23)))*25) + 26
540 O$(X) = "P"
545 Y = Y + X
550 X = (SIN(K*(O/33 - INT(O/33)))*25) + 26
555 O$(X) = "I"
560 Y = Y + X
565 X = (SIN(K*(O/28 - INT(O/28)))*25) + 26
570 O$(X) = "E"
575 Y = (Y + X)/3
580 O$(Y) = "A"
585 PRINT#4,T$(P2);TAB 5;M2;"I";D2;TAB 13;O$
600 REM INCREMENT DATE
605 IF P2 = 8 THEN 620
610 P2 = P2 + 1
615 IF P2 > 7 THEN P2 = 1
620 D2 = D2 + 1
625 IF D2 > F[M2] THEN D2 = 1, M2 = M2 + 1
630 IF M2 < 13 THEN 640
635 M2 = 1, Y2 = Y2 + 1
640 X = Y2, F(2) = 28
645 GOSUB 1000
650 F(2) = F(2) + X
655 NEXT O
670 GOTO 205
700 REM FIND DAY OF WEEK
705 N1 = M2 + 12*INT(.6 + 1/M2)
710 N2 = Y2 - INT(.6 + 1/M2)
715 N3 = INT(13*(N1 + 1)/5)
720 N4 = INT(5*N2/4)
725 N5 = INT(N2/100)
730 N6 = INT(N2/400)
735 N7 = N3 + N4 - N5 + N6 + D2 - 1
740 P2 = N7 - 7*INT(N7/7) + 1
745 RETURN
800 REM FIND DAYS IN PAST MONTHS
810 J2 = 0
820 FOR I = 1 TO X - 1
830 J2 = J2 + F[I]
840 NEXT I
850 RETURN
1000 REM CHECK X FOR LEAP YEAR
1005 IF X/400 - INT(X/400) = 0 THEN 1020
1010 IF X/100 - INT(X/100) = 0 THEN 1030
1015 IF X/4 - INT(X/4) < > 0 THEN 1030
1020 X = 1
1025 RETURN
1030 X = 0
1035 RETURN

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LISTING 2 This is a listing of the optional 900-series subroutine which is used on systems having no SIN function.

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905 X = K*(O/X - INT(O/X))
910 X2 = X * X, X3 = X, N1 = 1, N2 = 2, N3 = 1
915 X4 = X
920 FOR N5 = N2 TO N2 + 1
925 N3 = N3 * N5
930 NEXT N5
935 N2 = N5
940 X3 = X3 * X2, N1 = - 1 * N1
945 X = X + N1 * X3 / N3
950 IF X <> X4 THEN 915
955 RETURN

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Random Number Program for Security Combinations

By David E. Mann

This program was originally written on a Honeywell 1108 based system with ASR-37 terminal and high-speed printer. The purpose of the program was to produce listings of five to ten thousand lines of randomly-generated combinations, for use by the vault and lock staff of the Pentagon Building. The scale-down presented here can be an effective instrument in civilian security. Though released for publication, this article does not reflect the views or official policy of the Department of Defense.

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PROGRAM LISTING

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10 PRINT
20 REM FINAL VERSION 5 SEP 1977
30 REM THIS PROGRAM WRITTEN BY D.E. MANN AND EXISTS IN THE PUBLIC
40 REM DOMAIN. THERE ARE NO COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS OVER ITS USE.
50 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PREPARES RANDOMLY-GENERATED NUMBERS FORMATTED"
60 PRINT "FOR USE AS SAFE, VAULT AND SECURITY CONTAINER COMBINATIONS."
70 PRINT "IT ENABLES A LOCKSMITH OR SECURITY MANAGER TO HAVE NUMBERS"
80 PRINT "FOR COMBINATIONS WHICH ARE UNRELATED TO COMPROMISING EVENTS"
90 PRINT "SUCH AS BIRTHDAYS, Etc. FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY, ONLY A"
100 PRINT "RANDOM NUMBER SHOULD BE USED WHEN CHANGING AND SETTING A"
110 PRINT "NEW COMBINATION . . . ."
120 PRINT
130 PRINT "-----"
140 PRINT
150 PRINT "If you need instructions, type '1', if not type '0' "
160 PRINT
170 INPUT Z
180 IF Z = 1 THEN 400
190 IF Z = 0 THEN 200
200 PRINT
210 PRINT "How many lines of combinations do you desire?"
220 INPUT Q
230 DIM A(9)
240 FOR J = 1 TO Q
250 FOR I = 1 TO 9
260 LET A(I) = RND (-1)*100
270 NEXT I
280 PRINT
290 PRINT USING 300, A(1), A(2), A(3), A(4), A(5), A(6), A(7), A(8), A(9)
300:    ##-##-##    ##-##-##    ##-##-##
310 NEXT J
320 PRINT
330 PRINT "-----"
340 PRINT
350 PRINT "FOR MORE, TYPE A '1'; TO STOP TYPE '0' "
360 INPUT Y
370 IF Y = 1 THEN 200
380 IF Y = 0 THEN 540
390 REM INSTRUCTIONS
400 PRINT
410 PRINT ". . . . YOU MAY TYPE IN ANY POSITIVE NUMBER; REQUESTS FOR"
420 PRINT "MORE THAN 100 LINES ON A TTY MAY RESULT IN EXCESSIVE"

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430 PRINT "OUTPUT TIMES."
440 PRINT
450 PRINT "ON SOME SYSTEMS, GENERATION OF RANDOM NUMBERS MAY BE"
460 PRINT "CONSTRAINED BY INATE SYSTEMS PROCEDURES WHICH REPLICATE"
470 PRINT "PREVIOUS NUMBERS PRINTED. EXAMINE LINE 260, AND"
480 PRINT "COMPARE IT WITH YOUR PARTICULAR SYSTEM INSTRUCTIONS. FOR"
490 PRINT "EXAMPLE, SOME SYSTEMS WILL NOT PRODUCE UNPREDICTABLE"
500 PRINT "RANDOM NUMBERS UNLESS A NEGATIVE ARGUMENT FOR RND"
510 PRINT "FUNCTION IS USED (E.G.: 'RND(-1)' INSTEAD OF 'RND(+ )') "
520 PRINT
530 GOTO 200
540 END

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THIS PROGRAM PREPARES RANDOMLY-GENERATED NUMBERS FORMATTED FOR USE AS SAFE, VAULT AND SECURITY CONTAINER COMBINATIONS. IT ENABLES A LOCKSMITH OR SECURITY MANAGER TO HAVE NUMBERS FOR COMBINATIONS WHICH ARE UNRELATED TO COMPROMISING EVENTS SUCH AS BIRTHDAYS, Etc. FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY, ONLY A RANDOM NUMBER SHOULD BE USED WHEN CHANGING AND SETTING A NEW COMBINATION

If you need instructions, type '1', if not type '0'

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. . . . YOU MAY TYPE IN ANY POSITIVE NUMBER; REQUESTS FOR MORE THAN 100 LINES ON A TTY MAY RESULT IN EXCESSIVE OUTPUT TIMES.

ON SOME SYSTEMS, GENERATION OF RANDOM NUMBERS MAY BE CONSTRAINED BY INATE SYSTEMS PROCEDURES WHICH REPLICATE PREVIOUS NUMBERS PRINTED. EXAMINE LINE 260, AND COMPARE IT WITH YOUR PARTICULAR SYSTEM INSTRUCTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME SYSTEMS WILL NOT PRODUCE UNPREDICTABLE RANDOM NUMBERS UNLESS A NEGATIVE ARGUMENT FOR RND FUNCTION IS USED (E.G.: 'RND(-1)' INSTEAD OF 'RND(+)')

How many lines of combinations do you desire?

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10

87-61-95	17-35-51	79-61-85
**30-95	26-78-52	7-78-92
85-19-96	78-98-84	68- 7-97
91-15-83	17-58-88	42-28-39
74-53-31	18-92-18	63-14-92
71-91-78	60-79-15	94-11-44
69-78-97	18-19-81	99- 7-65
83-34-69	38- 1-49	17- 3-83
26-15-58	8-78-59	32-90-53
79-89-77	29-39-25	47-20-34

FOR MORE, TYPE A '1'; TO STOP TYPE '0'

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How many lines of combinations do you desire?

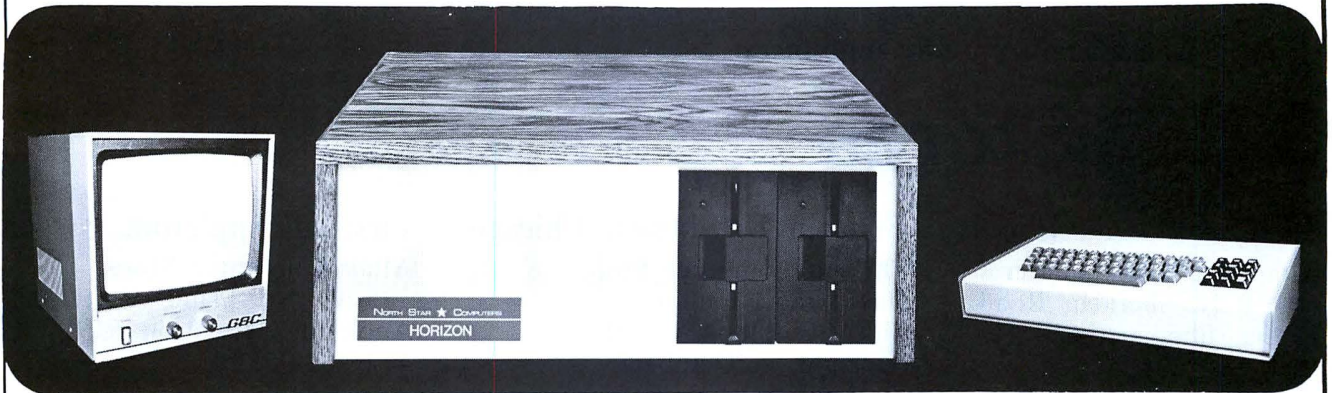
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Punch and Read Intel Formatted Tape

By G. M. Sanderson

INTRODUCTION

Intel is presently marketing an 8080 evaluation kit called the SDK-80. This kit provides a complete operating microprocessor system including:

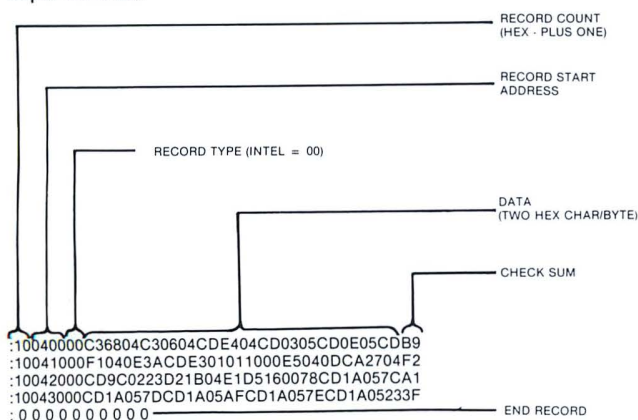
- 8080 CPU & Clock Generator
- 256 Bytes of Memory (Expandable to 1K)
- 1K Bytes of ROM (Expandable to 4K)
- 1K Bytes of EROM
- 24 Parallel I/O Lines (Expandable to 48)
- Serial Port with Baud Rate Generator
- Wirewrap Area for Expansion
- One Interrupt

INTEL MONITOR

Contained in the SDK-80 is a 1K ROM containing the operating monitor. This monitor allows you to display memory, modify memory, move memory, input to memory, display registers, modify registers, and transfer control to the user's program using a serial I/O device. Two important routines omitted from this monitor are the capability to output program to paper tape, or audio tape, and reenter programs.

INTEL FORMAT

On other Intel products Intel has utilized a tape format known as the Intel Format. Figure 1 describes this tape format.



PUNCH AND READ

The Punch and Read Program uses a slightly modified Intel format. This modified format can read almost any program designed to read Intel formatted tape. This program will read any Intel tape created on other programs. The modification to the Intel format is the addition of a header to the tape. The addition of the header allows rapid verification that the tape is the one desired.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The Punch and Read program is designed to function with the SDK-80 monitor using the I/O drivers contained in the monitor. The program is set to 0400 to allow the SDK-80 supplied EPROM to be programmed and inserted in the second ROM/EROM socket.

OPERATING

Typing G403 <CR> enters the Punch program. The program will output a <CR> <LF> and wait for you to input the header. The header is terminated with a <CR> and must contain no ":" or less than 32 characters. The program will *out* <CR> <LF> and wait for you to input the start Address, end Address separated with a "," and ended with a <CR>. Turn on the punch prior to typing the <CR>. The program will punch a 6" leader, punch the header, punch the data from the start Address to the end Address, punch 6" leader, and then return to the monitor.

EXAMPLES

Typing G400<CR> enters the read program. (Start the tape reader.) The program will output the header allowing verification of the proper tape or segment. The program will then output only the loading Address of each record and OK if the record is valid or * if the record had a Checksum Error. Upon completing the tape segment, the program will return to the monitor.

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Reset      MCS-80 KIT
KBD input  G403 <CR>
           SAMPLE DUMP OF 0400 TO 047F <CR>
           0400,047F <CR>

(turn on punch)
output to punch SAMPLE DUMP OF 0400 TO 047F
:10040000C36804C30604CDE404CD0305CD0E05CDB9
:10041000F1040E3ACDE301011000E5040DCA2704F2
:10042000CD9C0223D21B04E1D5160078CD1A057CA1
:10043000CD1A057DCD1A05AFCD1A057ECD1A05233F
:1004400005C23B04AF92CD1A05D1CDEE012BCD9C58
:100450000223D212040E3ACDE3012605AFCD1A05D0
:1004600025C2C04CD0E05CFCD1B02FE00CA680478
:10047000FE3ACA7B04CDF401C368041600CDBD0466
:0000000000
MCS-80 KIT
•

Reset      MCD-80 KIT
KBD input  •G400<CR>
(turn on reader)

SAMPLE DUMP OF 0400 TO 047F

Any input errors 0400 OK
will be flagged 0410 OK
with *          0420 OK
               0430 OK
               0440 OK
               0450 OK
               0460 OK
               0470 OK

MCS-80 KIT
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*****
*
* PUNCH AND READ INTEL FORMATED TAPE 13 MAR 77
* BY GARY SANDERSON VIDEO DISPLAY CONSULTING
*
* CONFIGURATION: SDK-80 KIT HARDWARE
* STANDARD ROM (0000-03FF)
* EPROM (0400-07FF)
* RAM (1000-13FF)
*
* MEMORY USED: EPROM (0400-052C)
* RAM (13B0-13D0)
*
*****
* WRITE OPERATION: RESET SDK-80
* .<G403><CR>
* <PGM NAME><CR> NOTE 1&2
* <START ADR><,><END ADR><CR> NOTE 3&5
*
*****
* READ OPERATION: RESET SDK-80
* .<G400><CR> NOTE 4&5
*
*****
* NOTES: 1-PGM NAME MUST BE LESS THAN 32 CHARACTERS
* 2-PGM NAME MUST NOT INCLUDE A RECORD MARK ":"
* 3-START PUNCH BEFORE DEPRESSING CARRIAGE RTN.
* 4-START READER AFTER DEPRESSING CARRIAGE RTN.
* 5-AFTER OPERATION IS COMPLETED CONTROL WILL
* BE RETURNED TO THE MONITOR AND PRINT
* "MCS-80 KIT"
*
*****
;
;
ECHO EQU 01F4H ;*** SDK-80 MONITOR ROUTINES USED ***
C0 EQU 01E3H ;
GETCH EQU 021BH ;
GETHX EQU 0222H ;
CNVBN EQU 01DAH ;
NMOUT EQU 02C3H ;
HIL0 EQU 029CH ;
CR0UT EQU 01EEH ;
;
CR EQU 0DH ;CARRIAGE RETURN
;
;
ORG 0400H ;
PR0M1: JMP READ ;ROUTINE READ
JMP WRITE ;ROUTINE WRITE
;
WRITE: CALL HEAD ;INPUT THE HEADER LINE
CALL ADR ;INPUT START,END ADDRESS FOR DUMP
CALL LEAD ;PUNCH LEADER
CALL HOUT ;OUTPUT HEADER
WRO: MVI C,' ' ;OUTPUT RECORD MARK
CALL C0 ;
LXI B,16 ;INITIALIZE B=00, C=16
PUSH H ;SAVE START ADR ON STACK
WRI: INR B ;INCREMENT B
DCR C ;DECREMENT C
JZ WR2 ;TERMINATE ON 16TH CHARACTER
CALL HIL0 ;OR END OF RANGE
INX H ;
JNC WRI ;CAN THIS LINE HOLD MORE? IF YES GO WRI
P0P H ;RESTORE START ADR
PUSH D ;SAVE END ADR
WRI: MVI D,00 ;ZERO CHECK SUM
MOV A,B ;PUT RECORD LENGTH IN A
CALL PBYTE ;OUTPUT RECORD LENGTH
MOV A,H ;OUTPUT HIGH ADR
CALL PBYTE ;
MOV A,L ;OUTPUT LOW ADR
CALL PBYTE ;
XRA A ;ZERO A
CALL PBYTE ;OUTPUT RECORD TYPE
WRI: MOV A,H ;FETCH BYTE
CALL PBYTE ;OUTPUT BYTE
INX H ;INCREMENT POINTER
DCR B ;DECREMENT RECORD COUNT
JNZ WR3 ;IF LINE NOT COMPLETE DO MORE
XRA A ;
SUB D ;SUB CHECK SUM FROM 00
CALL PBYTE ;OUTPUT CHECK SUM
P0P D ;RESTORE END ADR
CALL CR0UT ;OUTPUT CR/LF
DCX H ;CLEAN UP
;
;
CALL HIL0 ;
INX H ;
JNC WRO ;GO DO ANOTHER LINE
MVI C,' ' ;DATA DONE, DO FINAL LINE
CALL C0 ;OUTPUT RECORD MARK
WRI: MVI H,05 ;OUTPUT LAST LINE
XRA A ;
CALL PBYTE ;
DCR H ;
JNZ WR4 ;IF NOT FINISHED OUTPUT MORE
CALL LEAD ;OUTPUT LEADER
RST 1 ;RETURN TO MONITOR
;
;
READ: CALL GETCH ;INPUT CHARACTER FROM TAPE
CPI 00 ;IS IT LEADER
JZ READ ;YES-TRY AGAIN
CPI ':' ;IS IT RECORD MARK
JZ STLIN ;YES-GO START TO INPUT LINE
CALL ECHO ;IT MUST BE HEADER SO ECHO IT TO PRINTER
JMP READ ;
STLIN: MVI D,00 ;CLEAR CHECK SUM
CALL BYTE ;INPUT RECORD LENGTH
ANA A ;SET FLAGS
JNZ STLO ;00=END RECORD XX=VALID RECORD

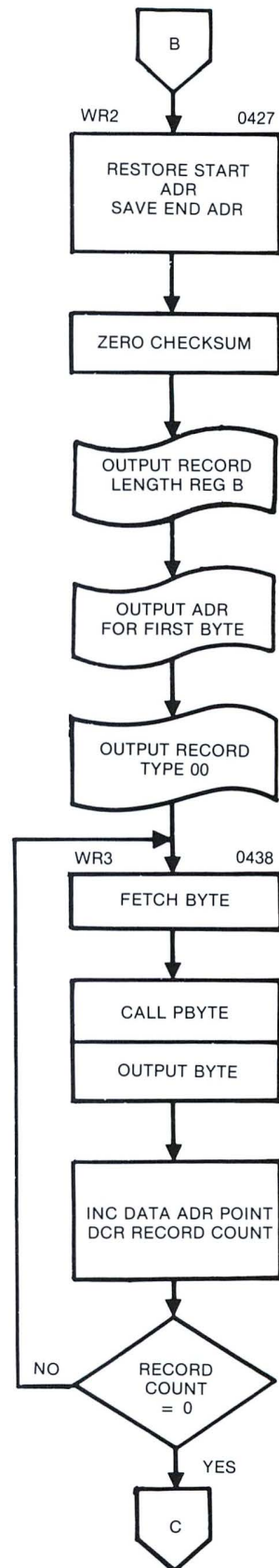
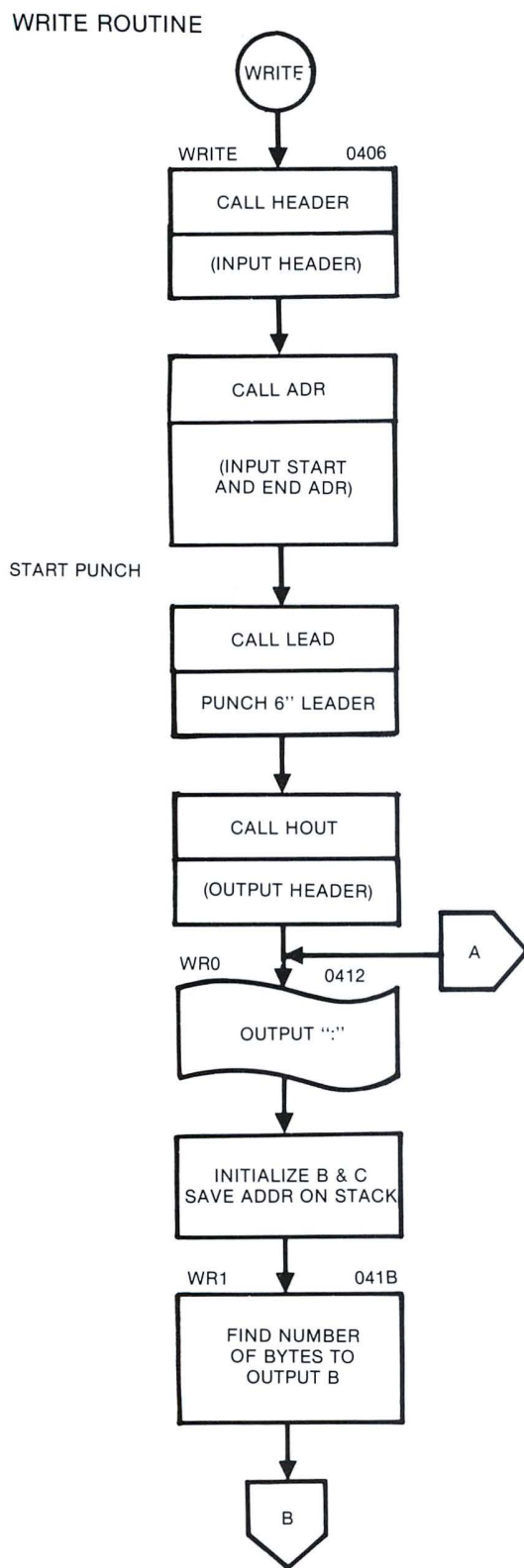
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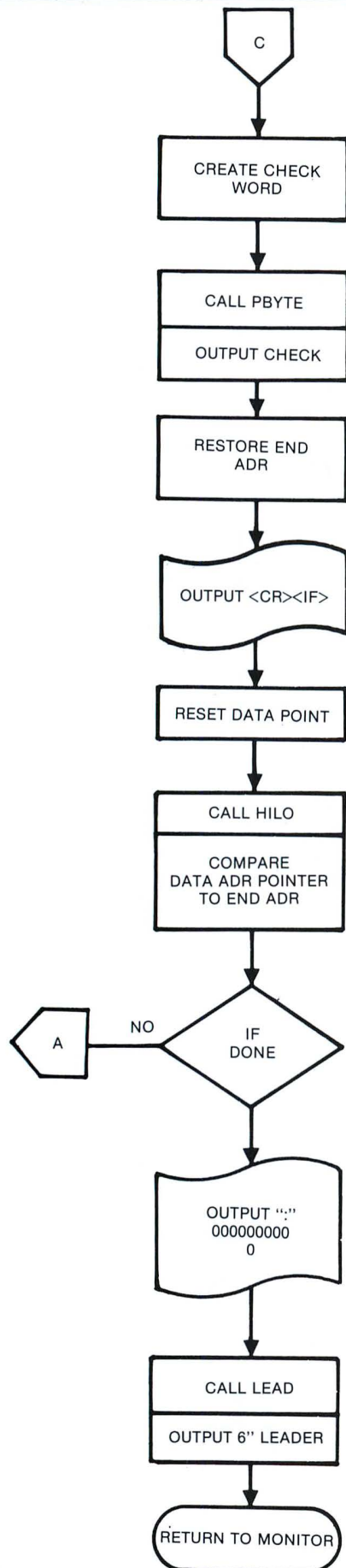
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RST 1 ;WORK DONE RETURN TO MONITOR
STLO: MOV E,A ;E=RECORD COUNT
CALL BYTE ;INPUT 1ST ADR BYTE (HIGH)
MOV H,A ;PUT IN H
MOV C,A ;PRINT IT
CALL NMOUT ;
CALL BYTE ;INPUT 2ND ADR BYTE (LOW)
MOV L,A ;SAVE IN L
MOV C,A ;PRINT IT
CALL NMOUT ;
CALL BYTE ;INPUT RECORD TYPE
L0OP: CALL BYTE ;INPUT DATA BYTE
MOV M,A ;STORE
INX H ;INCREMENT ADR POINTER
DCR E ;DECREMENT RECORD COUNT
JNZ L0OP ;IS IT 00 NO-GO GET MORE DATA
CALL BYTE ;INPUT CHECK SUM
XRA A ;
ADD D ;CHECK THE CHECK SUM
JNZ ERROR ;NOT 00 NOW IS AN ERROR ON LINE
CALL 0K ;LINE FINE SO PRINT 0K
JMP READ ;LOOK FOR MORE
;
;
ERROR: MVI C,' ' ;
ECHO ;
MVI C,'*' ;
CALL ECHO ;
JMP READ ;
;
;
;*** BYTE *** INPUT TWO HEX DIGITS
; PACK INTO A
; UPDATE CHECK SUM
;*****
BYTE: CALL GETCH ;GET 1ST DIGIT
CALL CNVBN ;CONVERT TO HEX
ADD A ;MOVE TO UPPER 4 BITS OF BYTE
ADD A ;
ADD A ;
ADD A ;
MOV B,A ;SAVE
CALL GETCH ;GET 2ND DIGIT
CALL CNVBN ;CONVERT TO HEX
ADD B ;COMBINE WITH FIRST
BYTO: MOV B,A ;SAVE
ADD D ;UPDATE CHECK SUM
MOV D,A ;SAVE CKSUM
MOV A,B ;PUT BYTE IN A
RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
;
;
;*** 0K *** OUTPUT "0K"
;*****
OK: MVI C,' ' ;
CALL ECHO ;
MVI C,'0' ;
CALL ECHO ;
MVI C,'K' ;
CALL ECHO ;
RET ;
;
;
;*** HEAD *** INPUT PROGRAM NAME
; DO NOT USE ":"
;*****
HEAD: LXI H,13AFH ;LOAD BUFFER ADR.
HEO: GET ;GET CHARACTER
MOV M,A ;STORE
CPI 0DH ;
JNZ HEO ;NOT CARRIAGE RETURN GO GET MORE
;
;
;*** HOUT *** OUTPUT PROGRAM NAME
;*****
HOUT: PUSH H ;SAVE H
LXI H,13B0H ;LOAD BUFFER ADR.
CALL CR0UT ;OUTPUT CR/LF
H0O: MOV C,M ;
CALL GET2 ;
CPI CR ;
JNZ H0O ;
P0P H ;
RET ;
;
;
;*** ADR *** INPUT START AND END ADR
; D/E=END ADR
; H/L=START ADR
;*****
ADR: CALL GETHX ;GET START ADR
MOV H,B ;PUT IN H/L
MOV L,C ;
CALL GETHX ;GET END ADR
MOV D,B ;PUT IN D/E
MOV E,C ;
RET ;
;
;
;*** LEAD *** OUTPUT LEADER
;*****
LEAD: MVI B,64 ;
LEO: MVI C,00H ;
CALL C0 ;
DCR B ;
JNZ LEO ;
;
;
;*** PBYTE *** OUTPUT 2 ASCII CHARACTERS FROM A
; UPDATE CHECK SUM IN D
;*****
PBYTE: PUSH B ;SAVE B/C
MOV M,C ;
ADD D ;
MOV D,A ;
MOV A,C ;
CALL NMOUT ;
P0P B ;
RET ;
;
;
;*** GET *** GET AND ECHO A CHARACTER
;*****
GET: CALL GETCH ;
GET2: CALL ECHO ;
MOV A,C ;
INX H ;
RET ;

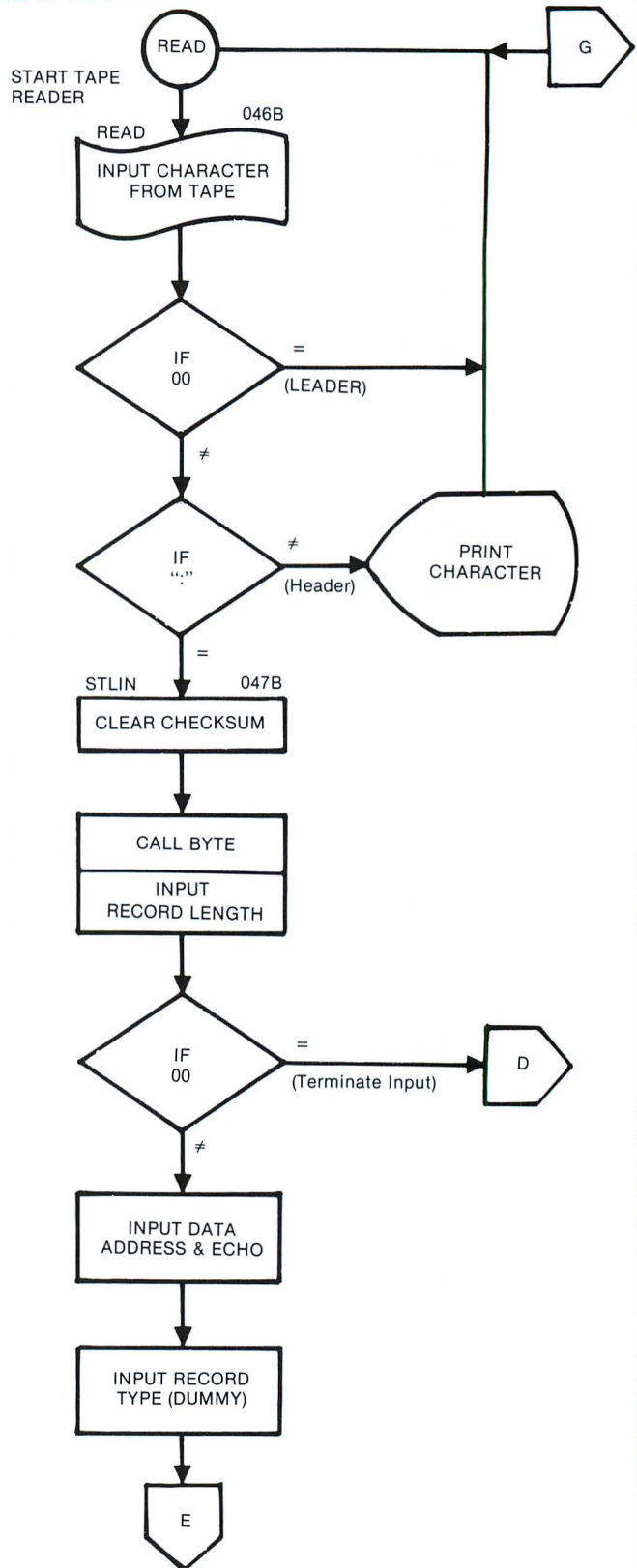
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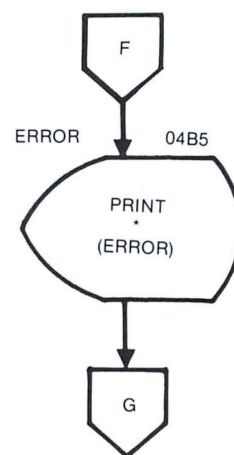
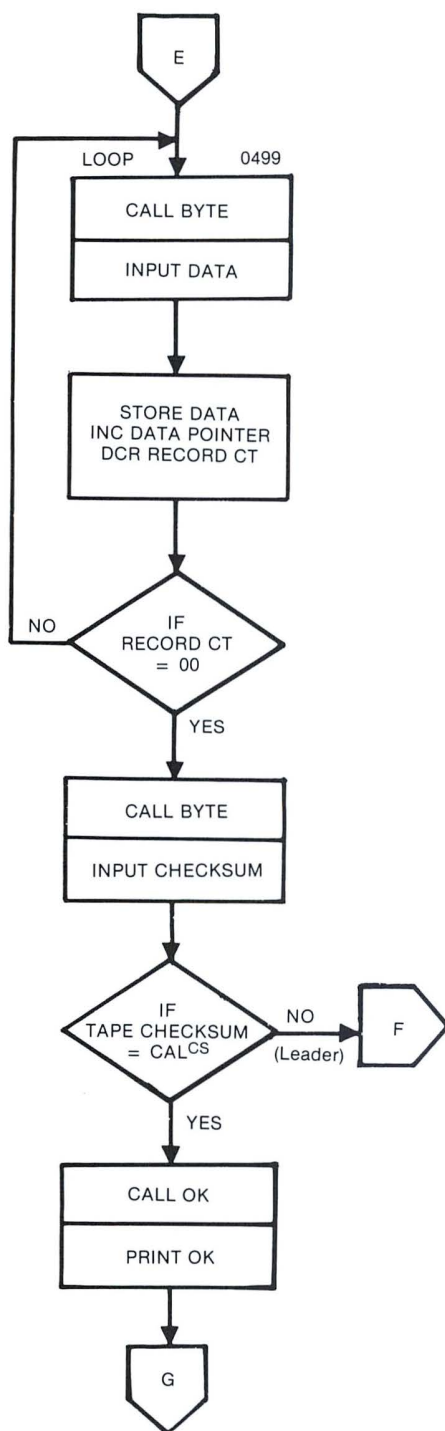

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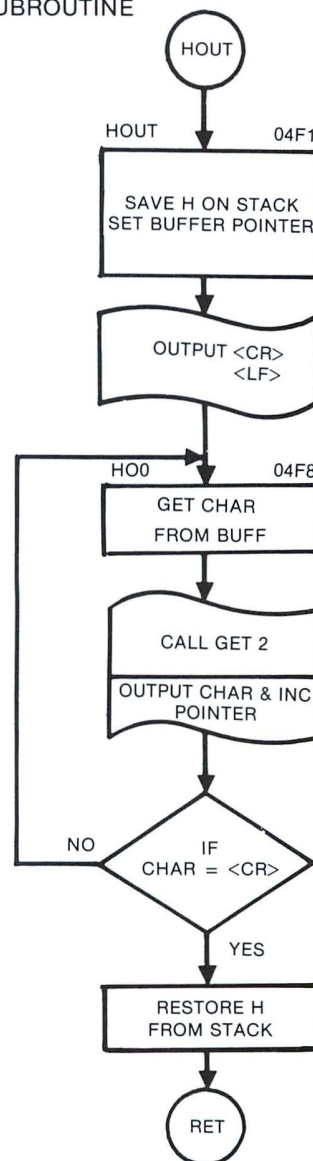


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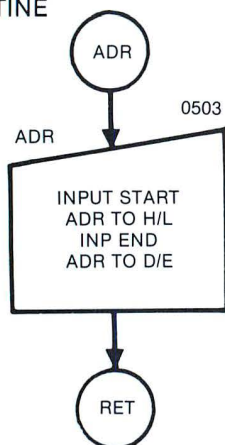




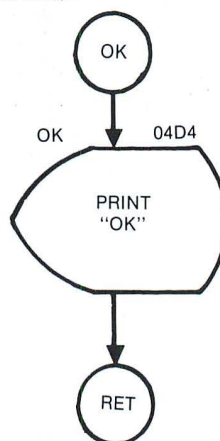
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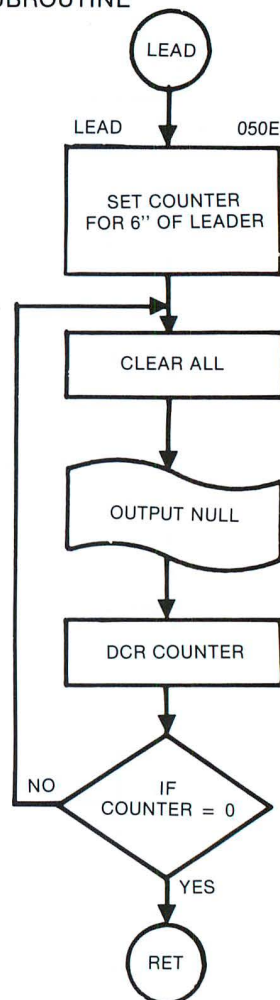
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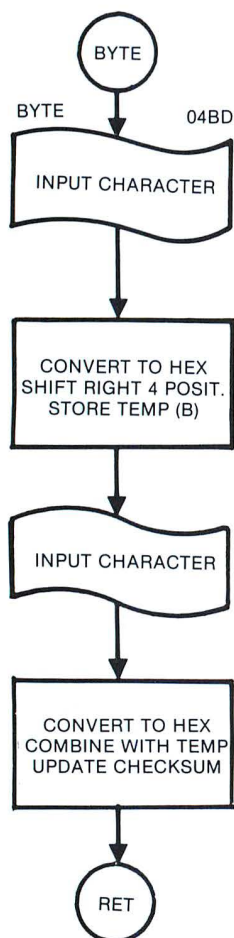
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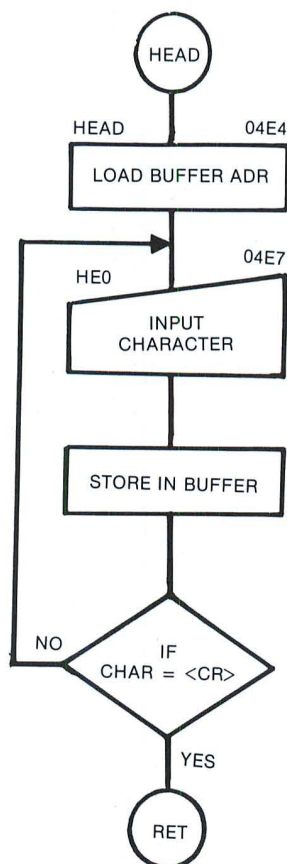
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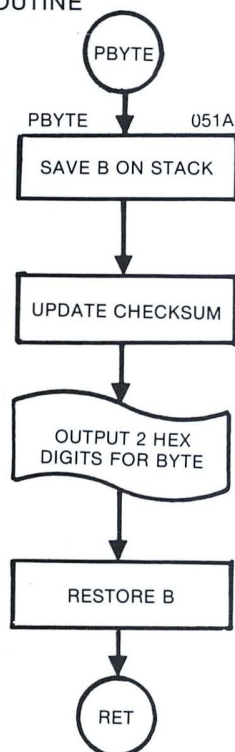
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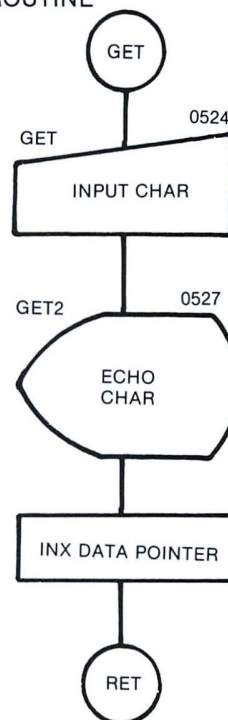
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PBYTE SUBROUTINE



GET SUBROUTINE



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Injun Poker

By Kenneth Kolbly

INTRODUCTION

My program, "Injun Poker," was written for the IMSAI 8080 using the Rev. 4.0 12K Extended BASIC. It can be put into 3K of memory with room to spare.

The idea of poker is to get all the other guy's money, chips, etc. In this one you each know your opponents' cards but not your own. You bet that your own card is bigger than your opponent's card.

INJUN POKER COMMANDS

This program has four commands: 1 = bet; 2 = call; 3 = drop; and 4 = quit. With Command 1, you are asked what is your bet. After you answer the computer will, depending on your card, call your bet, raise you, or drop. As for the Command 2, your cards are compared and the winner takes all. With Command 3, the computer takes all money in the pot. Command 4 was designed for the guy who's losing badly. It ends the game.

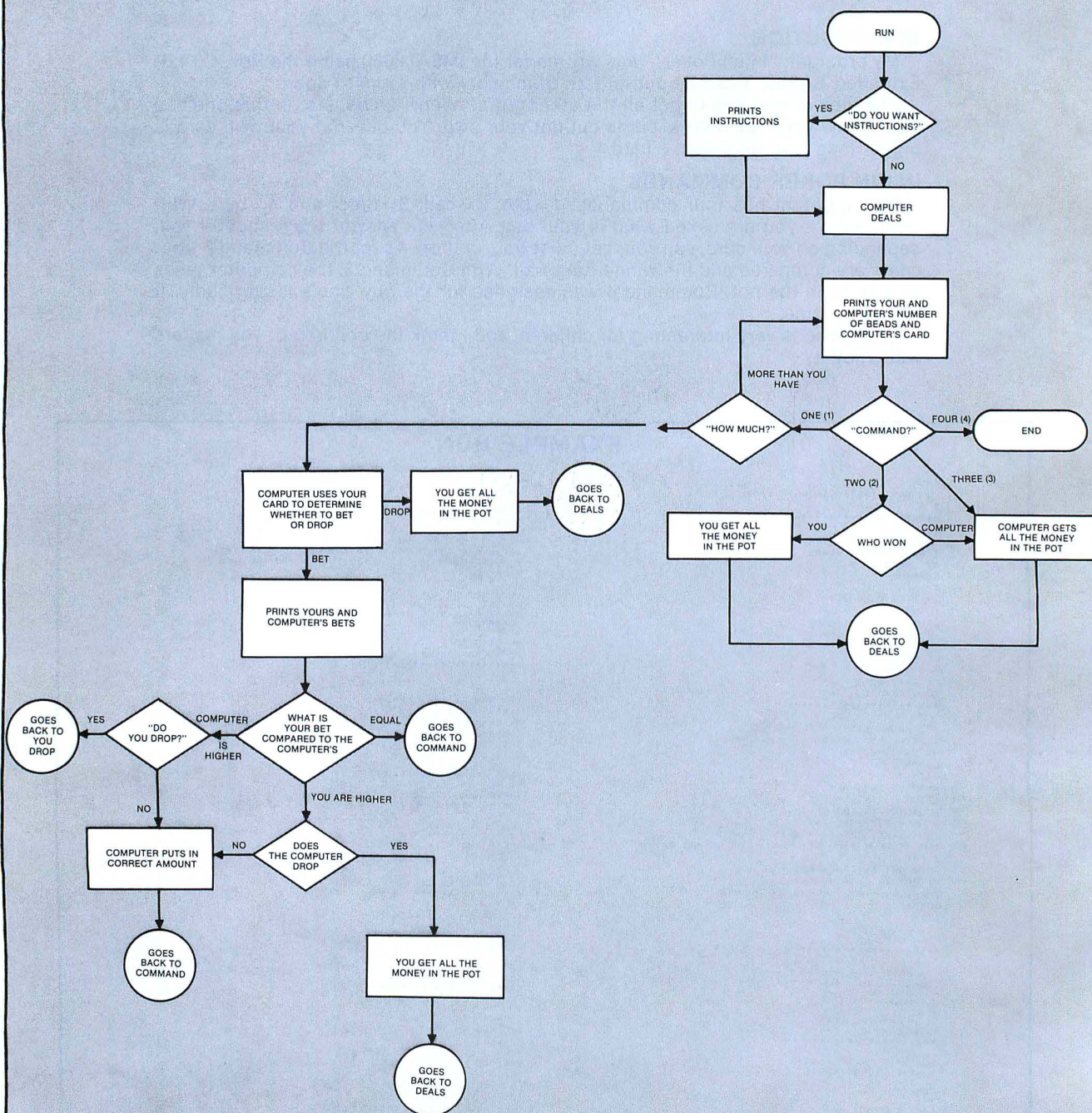
This game is very interesting for children, and I think the children of you readers will enjoy it.

EXAMPLE RUN

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*RUN
YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS? (Y/N)
? N
*****
YOU HAVE 1000 HEADS
I HAVE 1000 HEADS
MY CARD IS 3
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 50
YOUR BET IS 50 HEADS
MY BET IS 50 HEADS
THERE ARE 100 HEADS IN THE POT
COMMAND
? 2
MY CARD IS 3
YOUR CARD IS 34
*****
YOU HAVE 1050 HEADS
I HAVE 950 HEADS
MY CARD IS 24
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 100
YOUR BET IS 100 HEADS
MY BET IS 136 HEADS
THERE ARE 236 HEADS IN THE POT
I'M RAISEUM YOU 36 HEADS YOU UM PAY OR DROP
? PAY
YOUR BET IS 136 HEADS
MY BET IS 136 HEADS
THERE ARE 272 HEADS IN THE POT
COMMAND
? 2
MY CARD IS 24
YOUR CARD IS 7
*****
YOU HAVE 914 HEADS
I HAVE 1086 HEADS
MY CARD IS 22
COMMAND
? 3
YOUR CARD IS 34
MEUM CARD IS 22
*****
YOU HAVE 914 HEADS
I HAVE 1086 HEADS
MY CARD IS 19
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 100
YOUR BET IS 100 HEADS
MY BET IS 0 HEADS
THERE ARE 100 HEADS IN THE POT
I'M RAISEUM ME 100 HEADS ME DROP
MEUM CARD IS 19
YOUR CARD IS 47
*****
YOU HAVE 914 HEADS
I HAVE 1086 HEADS
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MY CARD IS 1
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 200
YOUR BET IS 200 HEADS
MY BET IS 206 HEADS
THERE ARE 406 HEADS IN THE POT
I'M RAISEUM YOU 6 HEADS YOU UM PAY OR DROP
? PAY
YOUR BET IS 206 HEADS
MY BET IS 206 HEADS
THERE ARE 412 HEADS IN THE POT
COMMAND
? 2
MY CARD IS 1
YOUR CARD IS 6
*****
YOU HAVE 1120 HEADS
I HAVE 880 HEADS
MY CARD IS 3
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 100
YOUR BET IS 100 HEADS
MY BET IS 117 HEADS
THERE ARE 217 HEADS IN THE POT
I'M RAISEUM YOU 17 HEADS YOU UM PAY OR DROP
? PAY
YOUR BET IS 117 HEADS
MY BET IS 117 HEADS
THERE ARE 234 HEADS IN THE POT
COMMAND
? 2
MY CARD IS 3
YOUR CARD IS 8
*****
YOU HAVE 1237 HEADS
I HAVE 763 HEADS
MY CARD IS 40
COMMAND
? 3
YOUR CARD IS 35
MEUM CARD IS 40
*****
YOU HAVE 1237 HEADS
I HAVE 763 HEADS
MY CARD IS 12
COMMAND
? 1
WHAT IS YOUR BET
? 100
YOUR BET IS 100 HEADS
MY BET IS 206 HEADS
THERE ARE 306 HEADS IN THE POT
I'M RAISEUM YOU 106 HEADS YOU UM PAY OR DROP
? DROP
*****
YOU HAVE 1137 HEADS
I HAVE 863 HEADS
MY CARD IS 33
COMMAND
? 3
YOUR CARD IS 22
MEUM CARD IS 33
*****
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PROGRAM FLOW DIAGRAM



SEPTEMBER 1977

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MY HEI IS 5 HEADS
THERE ARE 100 HEADS IN THE POT
YOUR KAIS ME 100 HEADS ME OKOF
MY CA40 IS 38
YOUR CA40 IS 42
*****

YOU HAVE 154K HEADS
I HAVE 432 HEADS
MY CA40 HE 42
COMMAND
?

YOUR HEI IS 500 HEADS
MY HEI IS 515 HEADS
THERE ARE 1015 HEADS IN THE POT
I AM KAISFOM YOU 15 HEADS YOU AM PAF OR OKOF
? HAT
MY HEI IS 515 HEADS
MY HEI IS 515 HEADS
THERE ARE 1030 HEADS IN THE POT
COMMAND
? ?
MY CA40 IS 3
YOUR CA40 IS 16
I OKFOM WAMFUM TO YOU K3 HEADS OF IT!!!

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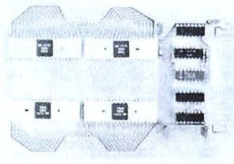
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PROGRAM BASIC LISTING

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A
10 M=1000
20 T=1000
30 PRINT"YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS? (Y/N)";INPUT P$
40 IF P$="N" GOTO 100
50 PRINT"WE ARE PLAYING INDIAN POKER. A GAME WHERE EACH OF US IS GIVEN"
60 PRINT"ONE CARD. WE EACH KNOW THE OTHERS CARD BUT NOT OUR OWN."
70 PRINT"-----OBJECT-----"
80 PRINT"TO GET THAT YOUR OWN CARD IS HIGHER THEN MINE, THE SAME FOR ME."
90 REM RESHUFFLES AND DEALS
100 A=INT(51+RND(1))*1
110 Y=INT(51+RND(1))*1
120 IF Y=A GOTO 100
130 GOTO 150
140 PRINT"COMMANDS:1-HELP 2-CALL 3-0K 4-QUIT"
150 PRINT"*****"
160 PRINT"YOU HAVE "M" HEADS";PRINT"1 HAVE "T" HEADS"
170 PRINT"MY CARD HE "A
180 IF E>D THEN GOSUB 1200
190 PRINT"COMMAND";INPUT K
200 K=INT(K):IF K<104 K>4 GOTO 140
210 IF K=1 GOTO 250
220 IF K=2 GOTO 450
230 IF K=3 GOTO 1190
240 END
250 PRINT"WHAT IS YOUR BET";INPUT W:W=INT(W)
260 IF W>M GOTO 140
270 IF W<0 GOTO 250
280 F=F+W
290 REM USES YOUR CARD TO DETERMINE BET
300 IF Y>40 GOTO 790
310 IF Y>26 GOTO 840
320 IF Y>20 GOTO 970
330 IF Y>13 GOTO 920
340 IF Y<7 GOTO 1090
350 S=INT(50+RND(1))*1
360 A=W+S:GOTO 390
370 A=W:GOTO 390
380 A=W+5
390 F=F+A
400 PRINT"YOUR BET IS "F"HEADS";PRINT"MY BET IS "E"HEADS"
410 GOSUB 1200
420 IF E>F GOTO 660
430 IF E<F GOTO 750
440 GOTO 190
450 PRINT"MY CARD IS "A:PRINT"YOUR CARD IS "Y
460 REM DETERMINES WINNER
470 IF A>Y GOTO 500
480 IF A<Y GOTO 540
490 IF A=Y GOTO 580
500 T=T+F:M=M-F:O=E:O
510 IF W<0 GOTO 630
520 IF M<0 GOTO 670
530 GOTO 100
540 M=M+E:T=T-E:O=E:O:F=O
550 IF T<0 GOTO 590
560 IF T=0 GOTO 620
570 GOTO 100
580 E=O:F=O:GOTO 100
590 L=T-L:PRINT"OUEUM XAMPUM TO YOU "L" HEADS OF IT!!!"
600 IF L>100 GOTO 1170
610 Z=L/10:PRINT"1 NOW SPENDING "Z" DAYS IN LOCAL JAILHOUSE PAYING OFF
DEBT";PRINTCH$(7):END
620 PRINT"1 NOW HADKE!!! HAVE TO WAIT!!! GOOD-BY";PRINTCH$(7):END
630 N=M-1:PRINT"YOUUM OUEUM XAMPUM TOUM ME "N" HEADS OF IT!!!"
640 PRINT"YOUR SCALP NOWUM HANGING IN MY TEEPEE";PRINTCH$(7):END
650 PRINT"YOUUM NOW HADKE YOUUM NOWUM HAVE TO WAIT!!";PRINTCH$(7):END
660 H=E-F:PRINT"UM KAISEUM YOU "H" HEADS YOU UM PAY OK DRUP";INPUT C$
670 IF C$="YAY" GOTO 1060
680 IF C$="DRO" GOTO 500
690 PRINT"WELL?";GOTO 660
700 REM FIGURES WHETHER IT SHOULD DROP OK NOT
710 IF E<250 GOTO 730
720 IF Y<26 GOTO 740
730 N$="":GOTO 750
740 N$="NO"
750 D=F-E:PRINT"YOUUM KAISEUM ME "D" HEADS ME "JN$J" DRUP"
760 IF N$="" GOTO 1070
770 E=E-D:GOTO 190
780 REM DETERMINS RAISES,DROPS,ECT
790 I=INT(3+RND(1))*1
800 IF I=1 GOTO 820
810 GOTO 400
820 PRINT"UM DRUP!"
830 GOTO 1070
840 J=INT(4+RND(1))*1
850 IF J=1 GOTO 820
860 IF J=2 GOTO 890
870 IF J=3 GOTO 900
880 GOTO 350
890 A=W+2:GOTO 370
900 K=INT(5+RND(1))*1
910 A=W+K:GOTO 370
920 O=INT(4+RND(1))*1
930 IF O=1 GOTO 970
940 IF O=2 GOTO 990
950 IF O=3 GOTO 1030
960 GOTO 350
970 P=INT(5+RND(1))*1
980 A=W+P:GOTO 390
990 R=INT(3+RND(1))*1
1000 IF R=1 GOTO 1020
1010 A=O:GOTO 390
1020 A=W+10:GOTO 390
1030 A1=INT(3+RND(1))*1
1040 IF A1=1 GOTO 1060
1050 GOTO 370
1060 A=W+15:GOTO 390
1070 PRINT"MY CARD IS "A:PRINT"YOUR CARD IS "Y:GOTO 540
1080 F=F+1:GOTO 400
1090 S2=INT(3+RND(1))*1
1100 IF S2=1 GOTO 1130
1110 IF S2=2 GOTO 1150
1120 GOTO 520
1130 S3=INT(25+RND(1))*5
1140 A=W+S3:GOTO 390
1150 S4=INT(250+RND(1))*25
1160 A=S4:GOTO 390
1170 Z1=L/10:IF Z1<0 GOTO 1180:PRINT"UM NOW SPENDING "Z1" YEARS IN STA
TE PRISON!";PRINTCH$(7):END
1180 PRINT"UM NOW SPENDING LIFE IN STATE PRISON!!";PRINTCH$(7):END
1190 PRINT"YOUR CARD IS "Y:PRINT"MY CARD IS "A:GOTO 500
1200 N1=E+F:PRINT"THEE ARE "N1" HEADS IN THE POT";RETURN
OK

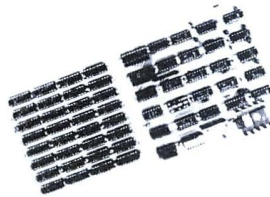
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Piranha

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INTRODUCTION

Imagine yourself as a canoeist all alone on the dark waters of the Amazon River. Your journey through this South American jungle is peaceful and calm until you stand up in the boat, lose your balance, and capsize. All of a sudden you are in the water, and hundreds of deadly, man-eating piranha fish armed with razor-sharp teeth are on the trail to devour you, thrashing madly about in the water. If you remain in the same place for even a second, you've had it! The piranha are so famished, that they surround, attack, and gobble down any object in sight, including other piranhas. Soon after devouring their victim, they explode! The object of the game is to outmaneuver the voracious predators and swim to safety.

This thrilling game is a sure test of your own survival capabilities. It operates on an 8080 microcomputer, one equipped with a Processor Technology VDM. With minimum modification, the program can be modified to operate with almost any mapped memory video board. As you will soon find out, Piranha is not only fun, but it is also simple to play. However, one word of caution is in order: never become overly optimistic about your plight. Outmaneuvering the piranha in phase zero of the game is an easy task, but as the game progresses and the phase number increases, it becomes more and more difficult to survive in the piranha-infested river.

COMMANDS

To start the game, the player enters characters which serve to move the encircled victim around the CRT (see Figure 1). If an identical character is entered twice, the victim moves at twice the speed. Other characters perform different game functions as seen below.

S Start game. This key is entered to start the game over. If the first character entered is a number from 0 to 8, then the initial game phase is set to that value.

ESC If the player is dissatisfied with the input character set, it can be changed by entering the ESC key. The user is prompted to enter a new character for each control function (see Table 1).

P Set phase. All motion is momentarily stopped until the player enters another character. If the character is a number between 1 and 8, then the phase is set to that value, and the game continues.

CTL-A A return to user's monitor. (Currently at B800H)

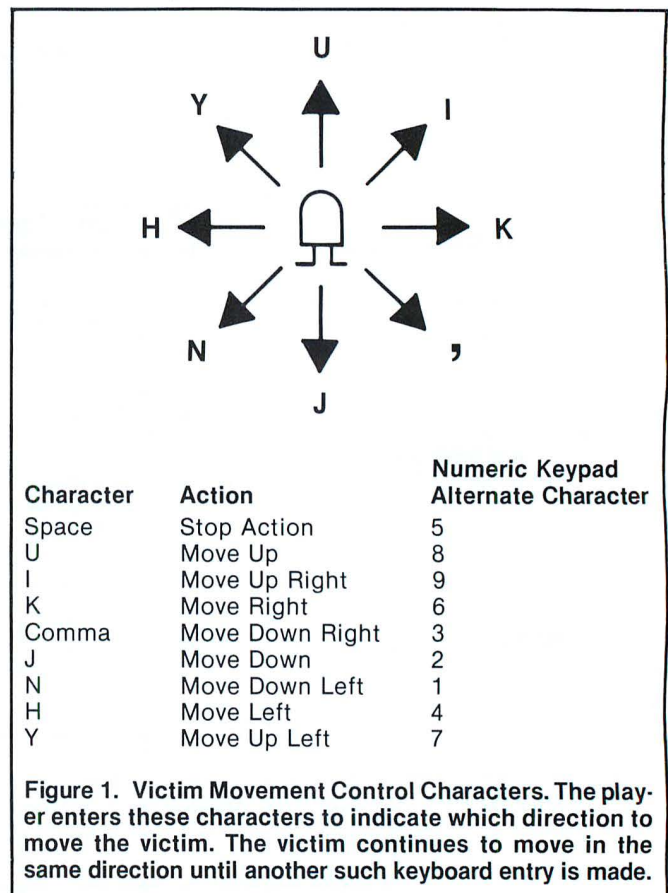
A Auto pilot toggle key. The autopilot automatically moves the player away from the piranha, but each time it has to rescue the victim from impending disaster, it subtracts points from the score.

GAME DESCRIPTION

The basic program is depicted in the flow diagram of Figure 2. Upon execution, the program initializes the playing screen and then propels the game into action by creating piranha and placing them at the edge of the river. Once the piranha emerge, they are given a set of randomly chosen description parameters which define their initial position, velocity, and tracking ability. The descriptive parameters are controlled by a set of values

given for each phase. The values control the following:

- Number of sides from which the piranha emerge.
- The frequency with which they arise.
- The minimum velocity.
- The range of possible velocities.
- The probability that a piranha tracks.
- The percent of time that the piranha tracks the victim.
- The bonus score that the victim acquires for traversing the deadly river.



Prompt	Function	Current Value
GO	Start the Game Over	S
U	Move Up	U
D	Move Down	D
L	Move Left	L
R	Move Right	R
UL	Move Upper Left	Y
UR	Move Upper Right	I
LL	Move Down Left	N
LR	Move Down Right	Comma
H	Stop Motion	J
S	Set Phase	P
A	Auto Pilot	A

Table 1. ESC Control Function Change Directive Usage

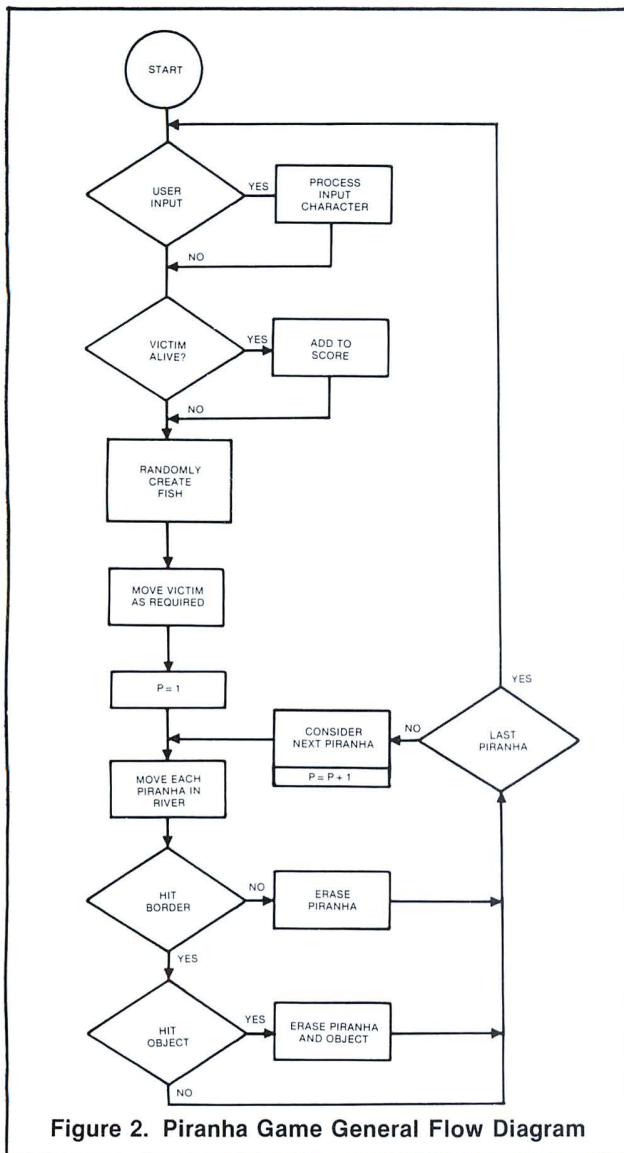


Figure 2. Piranha Game General Flow Diagram

These values are set so that the game increases in difficulty with each progressive phase. Once a fresh piranha is brought into action, the program stores the descriptive parameters as an entry in the object table. The object control table also contains an entry for the victim. Any user keyboard entries that effect the direction or velocity of the victim are placed in the victim's entry of the object control table.

Next, each entry in the object control table is processed according to its status. The speed counter is first tested to see if the object is ready for processing, and if it is not, the program updates the speed counter and proceeds to process the next entry. Otherwise, the status and position of the object are updated according to the rules and conditions specified in Table 2.

TRACKING

At birth, each piranha is given a randomly chosen velocity and tracking intelligence. Some piranhas do not track at all, while others track only a part of the time. A set of parameters is given with each phase, and this set defines the percentage of trackers and the percentage of the time that the tracking piranha pursue the victim. (See the table Control Listing 1). Note that for phase zero, only one percent of the piranha track the victim, while in level 9, all (100%) of the piranha track.

Condition of Object	What is Object	Contents of Destination	Processing
Object is alive and well	anything	water	Move to new position
	anything	another object	Set both objects to fade away. If object is victim, turn off score counter
	piranha	border	Set to non-existent state
Object is fading away	victim	border	stop
	anything	border	Traces are erased
	anything	another object	Object is also set to fade away
		water	Object fades for a certain time, then is erased

Table 2. Object Control Processing Table

AUTO PILOT

When the score of the player exceeds 1000, the user can turn on the Auto Pilot and the program automatically dodges the piranha. However, each time the Auto Pilot changes the direction of the motion of the victim, to protect him from the piranha, points are subtracted from the score. Of course, if the score falls below 1000, it stops, leaving the player in charge of moving the victim out of danger.

The algorithm that does the dodging spends most of the time moving the victim back and forth across the river. This activity not only taunts the fish but also gathers reward points. When a piranha moves into one of the eight neighboring cells adjacent to the victim, a new direction of motion is chosen from a table. The user can change the direction and speed of the victim when it is under control of the Auto Pilot.

SCORING, REWARDS, AND PHASE CHANGES The score routine increments the score by $\text{PHASE} + 1$ points each program cycle. Each time the victim moves from the right side of the river to the left side and then back again, the player is given a reward in the form of bonus points which are added to the score. The number of points increases with the phase (See CONTROL in Listing 1). As you will soon find out, it doesn't pay to cower in the corner of the river. A better game strategy is to move back and forth across the river as often as possible to accumulate bonus points.

When the program cycle counter reaches a certain value, the phase increases. It is also possible to set the phase to any desired value by entering "P" followed by the desired phase number.

EXECUTION

The game requires about 2400 bytes of memory and begins executing at 1000 H. Although this program is configured to run on an 8080 microcomputer equipped with a Processor Technology VDM addressed at CC00H, it can easily be modified to operate on almost any memory mapped video monitor drive. All program quantities are parameterized so that even the size of the display matrix can be altered. The keyboard input is set up to operate as follows:

ITEM	VALUE	SYMBOL	COMMENTS
Status Port	0	INSTAT	
Data Ready Bit	1	RDA	high when character is input
Input Data Port	1	INDATA	

These values can easily be changed. See line numbers 348, 349, 378-381 in Listing 1. For operating this program using a PolyMorphic DVM, the parameters BIAS must be changed throughout the program. An Intel HEX dump of the program is provided in Listing 2.

Piranha is one of the most challenging microcomputer games you'll ever play, and it provides a fantastic demonstration of the power of an 8080 system. However, once your family, friends, and neighbors discover Piranha, you will have to stand in line to use your computer!

PROGRAM ASSEMBLY LISTING

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1      TITLE 'PIRANHAS GAME'
2      ORG 1000H
3      JMP 3E00H  ; START: MVI A,0  ; I START GAME HERE
4      JMP 23F0H  ; OUT 0000H  ; I SET BY HARDWARE SCROLL
5      JMP 110015H  ; LXT SPARESTART  ; I SET STACK
6      JMP 010015H  ; CALL SETUP  ; I SETUP PLAYING AREA
7
8      ; MAIN PROGRAM LOOP
9
10     JMP 21701AH  ; MAINLP: LXT H  ; I PLAYER COORDINATES
11     JMP 25  ; INX H  ; I POINT TO CONDITION OF VICTIM
12     JMP 7E  ; MOV A,M  ; I
13     JMP FE4F  ; CPI DFAD  ; I IS HE OK?
14     JMP C4010  ; JZ MVI  ; I IF HE IS, ADD TO SCORE
15     JMP E5  ; HUSH H  ; I SAVE TABLE
16     JMP C0910  ; CALL ADDSCR  ; I AND ADD SCORE
17     JMP 34016  ; LDA SCHFLG  ; I GO OFFAT NEW FISH
18     JMP B7  ; ORA A  ; I SET ADDO FLAG
19     JMP F4C712  ; CP VMOVH  ; I GO DO AUTO PILOT
20     JMP E1  ; HOP  ; I
21     JMP C01012  ; MVI: CALL IUSER  ; I INPUT PLAYER MOVF
22     JMP C02011  ; CALL BIOCTR  ; I INCREMENT CONTROL COUNTER
23     JMP C03011  ; CALL NEWFISH  ; I GO OFFAT NEW FISH
24     JMP 21701AH  ; LXT H+VTABL  ; I POSITION OF COORDINATE TABLE
25     JMP 061H  ; MVI R+MAXFISH+1  ; I MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISH
26     JMP C5  ; FISHER: MVI  ; I
27     JMP E5  ; HUSH H  ; I SAVE CURRENT POSITION ON CT
28     JMP C09E13  ; CALL FIGHT  ; I MOVE EACH FISH
29     JMP E3  ; HOP  ; I
30     JMP C09V15  ; CALL BUMP6  ; I HLEHL46
31     JMP C1  ; POP B  ; I RESTORE COUNT
32     JMP 05  ; DCR B  ; I DECREMENT COUNT
33     JMP C02E10  ; JNZ FISHERS  ; I LOOP OVER FISH
34     JMP C30A10  ; JMP MAINLP  ; I GO EXECUTE NEXT PROGRAM CYCLE
35
36     ; *****
37     ; ***** SURROUTINES *****
38     ; *****
39     ; *****
40     ; ***** SUBROUTINES TO UPDATE PHASE MESSAGE *****
41
42     JMP 103F  ; SETPHA: LXT H+VTABL+5  ; I LOCATION ON SCREEN
43     JMP 4F  ; MOV C,A  ; I
44     JMP 11FA15  ; LXT D+PHAMSG  ; I
45     JMP 008A  ; MVI B,00AH  ; I
46     JMP 1A  ; MOVPHA: LDAX D  ; I
47     JMP F600  ; ORI BIAS  ; I POLYMORPHICS BIAS
48     JMP 77  ; MOV M,A  ; I SAVE ON SCREEN
49     JMP 13  ; INX D  ; I
50     JMP 23  ; INX H  ; I
51     JMP 05  ; DCR B  ; I
52     JMP C24010  ; JNZ MOVPHA  ; I
53     JMP 79  ; MOV A,C  ; I
54     JMP C630  ; ADI ZERO  ; I STORE 0 ON SCREEN
55     JMP 30C0CF  ; STA ETH+LENL+11  ; I
56     JMP D630  ; SUI ZERO  ; I
57     JMP 07  ; RLC  ; I
58     JMP 07  ; RLC  ; I
59     JMP 07  ; RLC  ; I
60     JMP 1000  ; MVI D,000H  ; I ASPHASE*8
61     JMP 9F  ; MOV E,A  ; I
62     JMP 2A1016  ; JNZ CLTPTR  ; I POINTER CONTROL
63     JMP 19  ; DAD D  ; I BUMP TO PROPER TABLE VALUES
64
65     ; *****
66     ; ***** MOVE PROPER CONTROL PARAMETERS BY PHASE *****
67
68     JMP 110016  ; LXT D+LNEWP  ; I POINT TO PHASE CONTROL TABLE
69     JMP 0608  ; MVI B,R  ; I WHICH HAS 9 VALUES
70     JMP 7E  ; TRPHA: MOV A,M  ; I
71     JMP 100A  ; STAX D  ; I
72     JMP 23  ; INX H  ; I INCREMENT LOCATIONS
73     JMP 13  ; INX D  ; I DECREMENT COUNTER
74     JMP C26410  ; JNZ TRPHA  ; I ... AND LOOP 9 TIMES
75     JMP 3E00  ; MVI A,0  ; I CLEAR COUNTER
76     JMP 30E315  ; B7  ; RLTWO  ; I
77     JMP C9  ; RET  ; I
78     JMP 3A0716  ; BNTPHA: LDA PHASE  ; I SFT NEW PHASE
79     JMP FE09  ; CPI 009H  ; I VALIDATE NUMBER
80     JMP C8  ; HZ  ; I
81     JMP 3C  ; INR A  ; I AND ONE
82     JMP C20716  ; STA PHASE  ; I
83     JMP C03F10  ; CALL SETPHA  ; I
84     JMP C9  ; RET  ; I
85     JMP E1  ; STOP: MVI H  ; I RESET VICTIM POINTER
86     JMP C0912  ; GETPHA: CALL INPUT  ; I
87     JMP FE30  ; CPI 01  ; I
88     JMP DB  ; CPI 01  ; I
89     JMP FE39  ; CPI 01  ; I
90     JMP D0  ; HNC  ; I
91     JMP DB30  ; MVI 01  ; I SUBTRACT OFF ASCII PART OF NUMBER
92     JMP 320716  ; STA PHASE  ; I SFT PHASE TO INPUT VALUE
93     JMP C03F10  ; CALL SETPHA  ; I
94     JMP C9  ; RET  ; I
95
96     ; *****
97     ; ***** SURROUTINE TO ADD TO SCORE *****
98     ; *****
99     ; *****
100    JMP 3A0716  ; ADDSCR: LDA PHASE  ; I GET PHASE
101    JMP 3C  ; INR A  ; I AND ONE
102    JMP 47  ; MOV R,A  ; I
103    JMP 114C4F  ; LXT H+VTAB+12  ; I SCORE MESSAGE DTV POS
104    JMP C0910  ; WOSCH: CALL RFRMT  ; I INCREMENT SCORE BY 1/2N
105    JMP 0A  ; DCR D  ; I
106    JMP C2A010  ; JNZ WOSCH  ; I
107    JMP 21741H  ; LXT H+VPOS  ; I LOCATION OF VICTIM
108    JMP 56  ; MOV D,M  ; I
109    JMP 23  ; INX H  ; I
110    JMP 5E  ; MOV E,M  ; I
111    JMP C09E13  ; CALL CONV  ; I GET VICTIM X,Y
112    JMP 3A0E16  ; LDA GORDCAL  ; I AT ROMIS COLUMN?
113    JMP 8A  ; CPI 0  ; I HAS VICTIM TRAVELLED SCREEN?
114    JMP C09410  ; JNZ CHKRMP  ; I
115    JMP FE01  ; CPI ONE  ; I SFT ROMIS COLUMN
116    JMP C2C110  ; JNZ LFTYCOL  ; I
117    JMP 3E39  ; A+WIDTH+2  ; I
118    JMP C3C310  ; JMP SETCOL  ; I
119    JMP C61  ; LEFTCOL: MVI A,00NE  ; I
120    JMP C30916  ; SETCOL: STA GORDCAL  ; I
121    JMP C3A016  ; LDA LRONUS  ; I AND ROMIS TO SCORE
122    JMP 47  ; MOV B,A  ; I
123    JMP C214CF  ; GIVRON: LXT H+STY+12  ; I GIVE VICTIM ROMIS
124    JMP C0FC10  ; CALL ASCBMP  ; I
125    JMP 05  ; DCR B  ; I
126    JMP C2C410  ; LXT RIVRON  ; I
127    JMP 3A0E15  ; CHKRMP: LDA RLTWO  ; I TIME TO CHANGE PHASE?
128    JMP FE14  ; CPI 014H  ; I
129    JMP C0  ; JNZ  ; I NOT YET
130    JMP C37710  ; JMP BMTPHA  ; I
131
132    ; *****
133    ; ***** SURROUTINE TO BUMP SCORE *****
134    ; *****
135    JMP 3A0311  ; SCORIT: LDA A  ; I
136    JMP 3C  ; INR A  ; I INCREMENT SCORE
137    JMP 3E0311  ; STA SCRTR  ; I
138    JMP FE20  ; CPI 020H  ; I TIME TO CHANGE SCORE?
139
140    JMP 3E00  ; RET  ; I
141
142    ; *****
143    ; ***** POINT TO HIGHT OF CHAR STRING *****
144    ; *****
145    JMP 10EC  ; 7E  ; I
146    JMP 10ED  ; FE20  ; I
147    JMP 10EF  ; C2F510  ; I
148    JMP 10F2  ; 3631  ; I
149    JMP 10FA  ; C9  ; I
150    JMP 10F5  ; FE39  ; I
151    JMP 10F7  ; C20011  ; I
152    JMP 10FA  ; 3630  ; I
153    JMP 10FC  ; 2B  ; I
154    JMP 10FD  ; C3EC10  ; I
155    JMP 1100  ; 3C  ; I
156    JMP 1101  ; 77  ; I
157    JMP 1102  ; C9  ; I
158
159    ; *****
160    ; ***** SUBROUTINE TO DECREMENT SCORE *****
161    ; *****
162    JMP 1103  ; 03  ; I
163    JMP 1104  ; 7E  ; I
164    JMP 1105  ; FE20  ; I
165    JMP 1107  ; C42E11  ; I
166    JMP 110A  ; FE30  ; I
167    JMP 110C  ; C21D11  ; I
168    JMP 110F  ; 3639  ; I
169    JMP 1111  ; 2B  ; I
170    JMP 1112  ; C30411  ; I
171
172    ; *****
173    ; ***** NOTZERO: DCR A *****
174    ; *****
175    JMP 1115  ; 3D  ; I
176    JMP 1116  ; 77  ; I
177    JMP 1117  ; FE30  ; I
178    JMP 1119  ; C9  ; I
179    JMP 111A  ; 2B  ; I
180    JMP 111B  ; FE20  ; I
181    JMP 111D  ; C9  ; I
182    JMP 1122  ; SEFF  ; I
183    JMP 1124  ; 320516  ; I
184    JMP 1127  ; C9  ; I
185
186    ; *****
187    ; ***** I PROGRAM CYCLE COUNTER *****
188    ; *****
189    JMP 1128  ; 21E215  ; I
190    JMP 1129  ; 34  ; I
191    JMP 112C  ; C0  ; I
192    JMP 112D  ; 23  ; I
193    JMP 112E  ; 34  ; I
194    JMP 112F  ; C0  ; I
195    JMP 1130  ; 23  ; I
196    JMP 1131  ; 34  ; I
197    JMP 1132  ; C0  ; I
198    JMP 1133  ; 23  ; I
199    JMP 1134  ; 34  ; I
200    JMP 1135  ; C9  ; I
201
202    ; *****
203    ; ***** SURROUTINE TO CREATE NEW FISH *****
204    ; *****
205    ; *****
206    JMP 1136  ; 3A091A  ; NEWFISH: LDA LNEWP  ; I SHOULD WE BE CALLED?
207    JMP 1137  ; C0F211  ; CALL RANDOM  ; I
208    JMP 113C  ; FE11  ; CPI 00F  ; I
209    JMP 113E  ; C0  ; MVI  ; I
210    JMP 113F  ; C00A  ; MVI A+RATF  ; I RATF IS GAME SPEED
211    JMP 1141  ; C0F211  ; CALL RANDOM  ; I SMALLER = FASTER
212    JMP 1144  ; FE10  ; CPI 000H  ; I
213    JMP 1146  ; C0  ; MVI  ; I
214    JMP 1147  ; C0F014  ; CALL ALIVE  ; I YEP GET LAST FISH
215    JMP 114A  ; 7C  ; MOV A,M  ; I
216    JMP 114H  ; 07  ; ORA A  ; I SET ADDO FLAG
217    JMP 114C  ; C24211  ; JNZ GETFISH  ; I
218    JMP 114F  ; 7D  ; MOV A,L  ; I
219    JMP 1150  ; 07  ; ORA A  ; I SET ADDO FLAG
220    JMP 1152  ; C8  ; HZ  ; I
221    JMP 1152  ; 3601  ; GOTFISH: MVI M+ONE  ; I NO FISH IN POND
222    JMP 1154  ; 23  ; INX H  ; I
223    JMP 1156  ; 3E4H  ; MVI A+ANSH  ; I GOT SOME FISHES
224    JMP 1157  ; C0F211  ; CALL RANDOM  ; I 70% SPEED
225    JMP 115A  ; 47  ; MOV B,A  ; I
226    JMP 115B  ; 3A0D16  ; LDA LTRACK  ; I
227    JMP 115E  ; 00  ; CPI 000H  ; I
228    JMP 115F  ; 026F11  ; JNC NOTRACK  ; I
229    JMP 1162  ; 3641  ; MVI M+NOTR  ; I SETUP NON TRACKING FISH
230    JMP 1164  ; C30411  ; JMP NOTRACK  ; I
231    JMP 1167  ; 364H  ; NOTRACK: MVI M+TRK  ; I SETUP TRACKING FISH
232    JMP 1169  ; 23  ; NOTRACK: INX H  ; I FISH DOES NO TRACKING
233    JMP 116A  ; 3A0D16  ; LDA LTRON  ; I
234    JMP 116D  ; C0F211  ; CALL RANDOM  ; I
235    JMP 1170  ; 47  ; MOV B,A  ; I
236    JMP 1171  ; 3A0A16  ; LDA LTRHS  ; I
237    JMP 1174  ; 80  ; ADD R  ; I
238    JMP 1175  ; 77  ; MOV M,A  ; I SET SPEED MAX (LOWER=FASTER)
239    JMP 1176  ; 2B  ; DCR H  ; I
240    JMP 1177  ; 2B  ; DCR H  ; I
241    JMP 1178  ; 77  ; MOV M,A  ; I SET SPEED COUNTER
242    JMP 1179  ; C09C15  ; CALL LUMP3  ; I
243    JMP 117C  ; E5  ; PUSH H  ; I SAVE POINTER
244    JMP 117D  ; 3A0D16  ; LDA LSIDE  ; I
245    JMP 1180  ; C0E011  ; CALL RANDOM  ; I
246    JMP 1183  ; FE03  ; CPI 003H  ; I
247    JMP 1185  ; C40911  ; JZ BRNLET  ; I FISH BORN ON SIDE
248    JMP 1188  ; FE03  ; CPI 003H  ; I
249    JMP 118A  ; C4AC11  ; JZ BRNRHT  ; I RIGHT
250    JMP 118D  ; FE01  ; CPI ONE  ; I
251    JMP 118F  ; C40911  ; JZ BRNTOP  ; I
252    JMP 1192  ; 06C0  ; MVI B+SUBL  ; I BOTTOM, SET DIRECTION OF F
253    JMP 1194  ; 3E3E  ; MVI A+WIDTH+2  ; I
254    JMP 1196  ; 2140CF  ; LXT H+VT+3LENL  ; I FISH STARTING LINE
255    JMP 1199  ; 1100CF  ; LXT D+1  ; I BOTTOM LEFT ROARER PLUS
256    JMP 119C  ; C3C311  ; JMP FBORN  ; I
257    JMP 119F  ; 0640  ; BRNTOP: MVI B+LENL  ; I FISH IS BORN FROM TOP ROARER
258    JMP 11A1  ; 3E3E  ; MVI A+WIDTH+2  ; I LENGTH OF TOP
259    JMP 11A3  ; 2140CF  ; LXT H+DTV+LENL  ; I
260    JMP 11A6  ; 110100  ; LXT D+1  ; I
261    JMP 11A9  ; C3C311  ; JMP FBORN  ; I
262    JMP 11AC  ; 06FF  ; BRNRHT: MVI B+OFFH  ; I FISH EMERGES FROM RIGHT SIDE
263    JMP 11AE  ; 3E00  ; MVI A+LENL-3  ; I LENGTH OF SIDE
264    JMP 11B0  ; 2136CC  ; LXT H+DTV+WIDTH+2  ; I TOP RIGHT BORDER
265    JMP 11B3  ; 114000  ; LXT D+LENL  ; I
266    JMP 11B6  ; C3C311  ; JMP FBORN  ; I
267    JMP 11B9  ; 0641  ; BRNLET: MVI B+ONE  ; I FISH EMERGES FROM LEFT SIDE
268    JMP 11BB  ; 3E00  ; MVI A+LENL-3  ; I
269    JMP 11BD  ; 2101CC  ; LXT H+DTV+D1H  ; I TOP LEFT BORDER
270    JMP 11BF  ; 114000  ; LXT D+LENL  ; I
271    JMP 11C3  ; C0E011  ; JZ FBORN  ; I FIND
272    JMP 11C6  ; 3C  ; INR A  ; I WHERE TO PLACE FISH ON STI
273    JMP 11C7  ; 19  ; DCR A  ; I
274    JMP 11C8  ; 3D  ; MOV D  ; I MOVE FISH TO STARTING POS
275    JMP 11C9  ; C2C711  ; JNZ MOVEIT  ; I
276    JMP 11CC  ; E0  ; XCHG  ; I
277    JMP 11CD  ; 1A  ; HOP  ; I
278    JMP 11CE  ; 1A  ; LDAX D  ; I GET SYMBOL ON SCREEN
279    JMP 11CF  ; FE20  ; CPI BLANK  ; I EMPTY?
280    JMP 11D1  ; C40911  ; JZ GETFISH  ; I FISH GO GET VICTIM!!!!
281    JMP 11D4  ; 2B  ; DCR H  ; I WILL FISH
282    JMP 11D5  ; 2B  ; DCR H  ; I
283    JMP 11D6  ; 364F  ; MVI M+READ  ; I
284    JMP 11D8  ; C9  ; RET  ; I
285
286    ; *****
287    ; ***** STORE FISH IN LOCATION DESIGNATED BY OF REGS *****
288    ; *****
289    JMP 11D9  ; 70  ; SETFISH: MOV M+B  ; I SET DIRECTION
290    JMP 11DB  ; 23  ; INX H  ; I
291    JMP 11DD  ; 72  ; MOV M,M  ; I SET LOCATION IN TABL
292    JMP 11DE  ; 23  ; INX H  ; I
293    JMP 11E0  ; 73  ; MOV M,M  ; I
294    JMP 11E2  ; 3E2A  ; MVI A+FISH  ; I
295    JMP 11E4  ; 12  ; STAX D  ; I PUT FISH ON SCREEN
296    JMP 11E5  ; C9  ; RET  ; I
297
298    ; *****
299    ; ***** SURROUTINE TO COMPUTE RANDOM NUMBER A-REG INTO A-REG *****
300    ; *****
301    JMP 11F2  ; C5  ; RANDOM: PUSH R  ; I SAVE RC REGS
302    JMP 11E3  ; E5  ; PUSH H  ; I SAVE HL REGS
303    JMP 11F4  ; 47  ; MOV R,A  ; I SAVE MAXIMUM RANDOM VALUE

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313 11F1 AD XRA L I
314 11F2 0F HRC H I
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324 1200 C2E015 RAND1: MOV A,H I
325 1203 7C MOV L,A I
326 1204 85 ADD L,A I
327 1205 47 MOV L,A I
328 1206 7F MOV L,A I
329 1207 6F MOV L,A I
330 1208 AD DAD B I
331 1209 8B CMC B I
332 120A D20712 RAND2: MOV L,A I
333 120D 7C MOV L,A I
334 120E 8B CMC B I
335 120F D20711 RAND2: MOV L,A I
336 1212 8B CMC B I
337 1213 D41A12 TOPS: JCH RAND1 I
338 1216 90 SUR H I
339 1217 C31212 TOPS: JCH RAND1 I
340 121A E1 GOTNUM: POP H I
341 121B C1 POP H I
342 121C C9 HET I
343 I
344 I
345 I
346 I
347 I
348 I
349 121D DB00 USER: IN INSTAT I CHECK KEYBOARD INPUT STATUS
350 121F E001 ANI RDA I
351 1221 C0 XZ I
352 1222 C0A912 CALL INPUT I
353 1226 2H DCH H I
354 1228 3601 MOV L,A I
355 122B C0C015 CALL HUMP5 I
356 122B E5 PUSH H I
357 122C 21E1A LTI H+CHARC I
358 122F 0A1C MVI B,CHARL I
359 1231 8L CWD B I
360 1232 C4C12 JZ FOUND I
361 1233 23 INX H I
362 1236 05 DCH R I
363 1237 C2312 JNZ COMP I
364 123A C4 HET I
365 123B C4 HET I
366 123C 3E1C FOUND: ANI A+CHARL I
367 123E 00 SUR H I
368 123F F0FE ANI OFEH I
369 1241 2618 MVI H,JUMPS SHP I
370 1243 1A LDI A,POINT I
371 1244 5E MOV F,W I
372 1245 23 INX H I
373 1246 56 DCH D,H I
374 1247 EB XCHG I
375 1248 E9 PCHL I
376 I
377 I
378 I
379 I
380 1249 DB00 INPUT: IN INSTAT I
381 124B E001 ANI RDA I
382 124D C0A912 JZ INPUT I
383 124F 0001 IN INSTAT I
384 1252 F07F ANI 7FH I
385 1254 C9 HET I
386 I
387 I
388 I
389 I
390 1255 3EC0 UP: MVI A,SUBL I
391 1257 C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
392 125A 3E01 RIGHT: MVI A,ONE I
393 125C C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
394 125F 3E40 DOWN: MVI A,LENL I
395 1261 C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
396 1264 3EFF LEFT: MVI A,OFFH I
397 1266 C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
398 1269 3EFF UL: MVI A,SUBL+1 I
399 126B C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
400 126E 3EC1 UR: MVI A,SUBL+1 I
401 1270 C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
402 1273 3E41 LR: MVI A,LENL+1 I
403 1275 C37A12 JMP MOVHIM I
404 1278 3EFF LL: MVI A,LENL-1 I
405 127A E1 MOVHIM: POP H I
406 127B BE CMC H I
407 127C C4B412 JZ SO1REC I
408 127F 77 MOV M,A I
409 1280 2H DCH C,H I
410 1281 3617 MVI M,VMAXS I
411 1283 C9 HET I
412 1284 2H SO1REC: DCH H I
413 1285 3607 MVI M,VFAST I
414 1287 C9 HET I
415 1288 E1 HALT: POP H I
416 1289 3600 MVI M,NOOH I
417 128B C9 HET I
418 I
419 128C E1 AUTO: POP H I
420 1290 1A0D16 LDA SCFLG I
421 1290 2F CMA I
422 1291 320D16 STA SCFLG I
423 1294 C9 HET I
424 1295 01221A ESC: LDI R+CHARGO I
425 1298 113B18 LDI D+STRING I
426 129B 2100CC LDI L+DTV I
427 129E 1A ESC1: LDI D+X I
428 129F 13 INX D I
429 12A0 F0FF OFFH I
430 12A2 C0A010 JZ RESTART I
431 12A5 F0B0 ORI BIAS I
432 12A7 77 MOV M,A I
433 12A8 23 INX H I
434 12A9 FE20 CPI T+BIAS I
435 12AB C0A412 FSC1 JZ FSC1 I
436 12AE C0D712 CALL GET I
437 12B1 3620 MVI M,PLANK I
438 12B3 C3B MOV L,A I
439 12B4 C3B12 JMP FSC1 I
440 12B7 C0A412 GET: CALL INHIT I
441 12BA FE1A FE1A: CPI INH I
442 12BC C0A010 JZ RESTART I
443 12BF 02 STAX B I
444 12C0 03 R R I
445 12C1 03 INX R I
446 12C2 F0D0 ORI RIAS I
447 12C4 77 MOV M,A I
448 12C5 23 INX H I
449 12C6 C9 HET I
450 I
451 I
452 I
453 I
454 I
455 12C7 21701A MOVE: LDI H+VTARL I
456 12CA 7E AAI 7E I
457 12CB FE01 CPI ONE I
458 12CD C0 RZ I
459 12CE 34F1CF JNZ I
460 12D1 F12H CPI BLANK I
461 12D3 C4 H I
462 12D4 21F4CF LDI H,STV-12 I
463 12D7 C0A412 CALL ASCDEC I
464 12DA 21741A LDI H+VPOS I
465 12DB 46 MOV R,H I
466 12DE 23 H H I
467 12DF 4L MOV C,W I
468 12E0 C0A413 CALL M+DAD I
469 12E3 57 MOV D,A I
470 12E4 2H DCH C,H I
471 12E5 2H DCH C,H I
472 12E6 7E MOV A,M I
473 12E7 1C ORA A I
474 12E8 C0E112 JNZ MOVING I
475 12EB 3A0D16 LDA SODICAL I
476 12EE FE01 CPI ONE I
477 12F0 3E01 MVI A,ONE I
478 12F2 CAF712 JZ EQUAL1 I
479 12F5 3E01 MVI A,ONE I
480 12F7 77 HET I
481 12F8 C0C013 MOVING: CALL NW3 I
482 12FB 5F MOV E,A I
483 12FC 07 RLC I
484 12FD 03 ADD B I
485 12FE 5F MOV E,A I
486 12FF 0F HRC I
487 1300 83 ORA E I
488 1301 5F MOV E,A I
489 1302 A2 ANA D I
490 1303 87 ORA A I
491 1304 C8 HZ I
492 1305 0607 MVI B,NOOH I
493 1307 2A1013 LDA I
494 130A E00H XRI NOOH I
495 130C 321013 STA ROTATE I
496 130F 7B MOV A,E I
497 1310 07 ROTATE: LDI I
498 1311 5F MOV E,A I
499 1312 A2 ANA D I
500 1313 87 ORA A I
501 1314 C43113 JZ GOTWAT I
502 1317 05 DCH B I
503 1318 C20F13 JNZ WAT3 I
504 131B 7B RLC I
505 131C 07 RLC I
506 131D 07 RLC I
507 131E A3 ANA E I
508 131F 5F MOV E,A I
509 1320 060H MVI B,NOOH I
510 1322 7B ROTATE: MOV A,E I
511 1323 0F HRC I
512 1324 5F MOV E,A I
513 1325 A2 ANA D I
514 1326 87 ORA A I
515 132F C43113 JZ I+DIREC I
516 1330 05 DCH B I
517 1332 C22F13 JNZ WAT1 I
518 1335 360H MVI B,NOOH I
519 1336 07 JZ GOTWAT I
520 1337 7B RLC I
521 1338 07 RLC I
522 1339 07 RLC I
523 133A 0F HRC I
524 133B 0F HRC I
525 133C A3 ANA E I
526 133D C0A513 FINDIREC: CALL NW2 I
527 133E 77 MOV M,A I
528 133F DB00 MVI B,NOOH I
529 1340 21F3CF SHIRLOO: LDI H+STV-13 I
530 1341 C0D011 CALL ASCDEC I
531 1342 05 DCH B I
532 1343 C23013 JNZ SHIRLOO I
533 1344 C9 HET I
534 I
535 I
536 I
537 I
538 I
539 134B E5 NHRI: PUSH H I
540 134C 21C715 LDI H+NBTR2 I
541 134C 3E00 MVI A,NOOH I
542 134E 320F15 STA COUNT I
543 1351 3E0H MVI A,NOOH I
544 1353 320E15 LOOPI: STA LCTR I
545 1356 7E MOV A,M I
546 1357 87 ORA A I
547 1358 5F MOV A,M I
548 1359 1600 MVI D,NOOH I
549 135B F20B13 JP FWD I
550 135E 16FF MVI D,OFFH I
551 1360 EB FWD: XCHG I
552 1361 09 DAD D I
553 1362 7E MOV A,M I
554 1363 EB XCHG I
555 1364 23 INX H I
556 1365 FE20 CPI BLANK I
557 1367 C47713 JZ NONBR I
558 136A FE40 CPI BORDER I
559 136C C47713 JZ NONBR I
560 136F 56 MOV D,M I
561 1370 3A0F15 LDA COUNT I
562 1373 82 ADD D I
563 1374 320F15 STA COUNT I
564 1377 23 INX H I
565 1378 23 INX H I
566 1379 3A0F15 LDA LCTR I
567 137C 30 DCH A I
568 137D C23513 JNZ LOOPI I
569 1380 3A0F15 LDA COUNT I
570 1383 E1 POP H I
571 1384 C9 HET I
572 I
573 I
574 I
575 1385 E5 NHRI: PUSH H I
576 1386 21C615 LDI H+NBTR1 I
577 I
578 I
579 I
580 1389 C30013 NHRI: JZ NXTENT I
581 138C E5 NHRI: PUSH H I
582 138D 21C715 LDI H+NBTR2 I
583 1390 BE NXTENT: CMC H I
584 1391 C4A413 CALL FINDENT I
585 1394 C0C015 CALL RUMP3 I
586 1397 C30013 JZ NXTENT I
587 139A 23 INX H I
588 139B 7E MOV A,M I
589 139C E1 POP H I
590 139D C9 HET I
591 I
592 I
593 I
594 139E 35 FISHT: DCH W I
595 139F C0 MVI A,0 I
596 13A1 3E01 MVI A,ONE I
597 13A2 C0F211 CALL RANDOM I
598 13A5 FE00 CPI 0 I
599 13A7 07 JZ I
600 13A8 23 INX H I
601 13A9 7E MOV A,M I
602 13AB FE4H LDI H+NBTR1 I
603 13AC C8 HZ I
604 13AD FE5H CPI MAXVED I
605 13AF C4A413 CALL FINDENT I
606 13B2 E5 FISHT: MVI H I
607 13B3 FE4H CPI FTHC I
608 13B5 C4A413 CALL FINDENT I
609 13B8 E1 FISHT: MVI H I
610 13B9 23 INX H I
611 13BA 7E MOV A,M I
612 13BB 2H DCH C,H I
613 13BC 2H DCH C,H I
614 13BD 77 MOV M,A I
615 13BE C0C013 CALL RUMP3 I
616 13BF 1A0H MVI B,NOOH I
617 13C0 46 MOV R,H I
618 13C1 7H H H I
619 13C2 87 ORA A I
620 13C3 CA HZ I
621 13C4 87 ORA A I
622 13C5 87 ORA A I
623 13C6 16FF JP FORWARD I
624 I
625 I
626 I
627 13CD 23 FORWARD: INX H I
628 13CE 46 MOV R,H I
629 13CF 23 INX H I
630 13D0 46 MOV R,H I
631 13D1 0A LDI A,R I
632 13D2 FE0H CPI BLANK I
633 13D3 C20B13 JNZ MOVER I
634 13D4 C0C015 CALL DFCO I
635 13D5 364H MVI B,NOOH I
636 13D6 C9 HET I

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637      I MOVE FISH ON WHATEVER TO NEW POSITION
638
639      MOV: PUSH H      I SAVE TABLE LOCATION
640      130E E5          I MOVE DISPLACEMENT TO HL
641      130E 65          MOV H,R      I MOVE DISPLACEMENT TO HL
642      130F 64          MOV L,C      I ADD CURRENT POSITION ADDRESS
643      130F 19          DAD D        I DE NOW CONTAINING NEW POSITION
644      130F E8          XCHG        I
645      130E E1          POP H        I
646      130E 1A          LDAX D       I WHAT'S IN NEW POSITION?
647      130E FEAD       CP RORDER    I HAVE WE HIT THE BORDER?
648      130E CAB014     JZ HITBOR     I GO TO HIT BORDER INDICATION (?)
649      130E FE20       CPI BLANK     I DID WE NOT HIT ANYTHING?
650      130E C00014     JNZ RAN04     I IF WE DID, NO EXPLOSION THING
651      130E 28         DCX H         I OTHERWISE, SAVE NEW POSITION
652      130E 72         MOV M,M      I
653      130E 23         IN H          I
654      130F 13         MOV M,E      I IN CONTROL TABLE
655      130E 0A         LDAX B       I PICK UP SYMBOL OF FISH-VICTIM ROOM
656      130F 12         STAX D        I AND SAVE IT IN NEW LOCATION
657      130E 3E20       MVI A,BLANK   I AND BLANK OUT OLD LOCATION
658      130E 02         STAX B       I
659      130F C9         RET          I
660
661      I CONVERT ADDRESS TO LINE,COL IN D AND E REG
662
663      130F C5          CONVERT: PUSH R      I SAVE RC
664      130F 210034     LXI H,DTV        I
665      130E 130C       DAD D          I
666      130F 1100FF     LXI D,0-LENL     I
667      130F 0610       MVI B,NLINES     I
668      130E 1002       FINEG: DAD D      I LOOP UNTIL VALUE IS NEGATIVE
669      130F 05         DCR B           I
670      130E 1004       MOV A,H         I
671      130E 1005       JRA A           I SET BORD FLAGS
672      130E 1006       JRA A           I
673      130E 1007       MOV A,H         I
674      130E 1008       MOV A,H         I
675      130E 1009       MOV A,H         I
676      130E 100A       MOV A,H         I
677      130E 100B       MOV A,H         I
678      130F C9         RET          I
679
680      I FISH TRACK VICTIM
681
682      130E 1010       TRACK: MVI A,0004H I GET RANDOM NUMBER LESS THAN 4
683      130E 1012       CALL RAND04H     I
684      130E 1015       MOV R,A           I
685      130E 1016       LDA LSTRK        I
686      130E 1017       CMP B            I
687      130E 101A       JC C             I
688      130E 101B       CALL BUMP3       I
689      130E 101E       PUSH H           I
690      130E 101F       MOV D,M          I
691      130E 1020       INX H            I
692      130E 1021       MOV E,M          I
693      130E 1022       CALL CONVERT     I CONVERT FISH POSITION
694      130E 1023       MOV R,M          I
695      130E 1024       MOV C,F          I
696      130E 1027       JAR7A18         I
697      130E 102A       MOV D,A          I
698      130E 102B       LDA VPDS+1      I
699      130E 102E       MOV E,A          I
700      130E 102F       CALL CONVERT     I CONVERT VICTIM POSITION
701      130E 1032       MOV A,H          I
702      130E 1033       SHR D            I
703      130E 1034       MOV D,A          I
704      130E 1035       CPI 07FH        I
705      130E 1037       DASH14         I
706      130E 103A       JC A            I
707      130E 103B       MOV R,A         I
708      130E 103C       MOV A,C          I
709      130E 103D       SHR E            I
710      130E 103E       MOV A,C          I
711      130E 103F       JRA A           I SET BORD FLAGS
712      130E 1040       JAR7A14         I
713      130E 1043       JC A            I
714      130E 1044       B052: CMP R      I CLOSED IN LINES OR COLS?
715      130E 1045       JAR7A14         I
716      130E 1046       MOV A,F          I GET COL DISTANCE
717      130E 1047       OPA A           I SET BORD FLAGS
718      130E 1048       JAR7A14         I
719      130E 1049       MOV A,F          I
720      130E 104A       JAR7A14         I
721      130E 104B       JAR7A14         I
722      130E 104C       JAR7A14         I
723      130E 104D       JAR7A14         I
724      130E 104E       JAR7A14         I
725      130E 104F       JAR7A14         I
726      130E 1050       JAR7A14         I
727      130E 1051       JAR7A14         I
728      130E 1052       JAR7A14         I
729      130E 1053       JAR7A14         I
730      130E 1054       JAR7A14         I
731      130E 1055       JAR7A14         I
732      130E 1056       JAR7A14         I
733      130E 1057       JAR7A14         I
734      130E 1058       JAR7A14         I
735      130E 1059       JAR7A14         I
736      130E 105A       JAR7A14         I
737      130E 105B       JAR7A14         I
738      130E 105C       JAR7A14         I
739      130E 105D       JAR7A14         I
740      130E 105E       JAR7A14         I
741      130E 105F       JAR7A14         I
742      130E 1060       JAR7A14         I
743      130E 1061       JAR7A14         I
744      130E 1062       JAR7A14         I
745      130E 1063       JAR7A14         I
746      130E 1064       JAR7A14         I
747      130E 1065       JAR7A14         I
748
749      I MOVOR HIT BORDER WHILE MOVING
750
751      130E 1066       HITBOR: CALL DEC4 I GET TYPE
752      130E 1067       MOV A,M          I
753      130E 1068       CPI VICTIM      I
754      130E 1069       JZ VHT          I IS THIS THE VICTIM?
755      130E 106A       DCX H            I
756      130E 106B       CALL KILL       I POINT TO CIL TABLE
757      130E 106C       RET            I
758      130E 106D       VHT: MVI A,0000H I STOP THE VICTIM
759      130E 106E       INX H            I
760      130E 106F       INX H            I
761      130E 1070       MOV M,M          I
762      130E 1071       RET            I
763      130E 1072       BANG: CALL DEC5 I OUTPUT 4 + 5
764      130E 1073       CALL KILL       I
765      130E 1074       CALL FIND       I
766      130E 1075       CALL KILL       I
767      130E 1076       LXI H,0NE      I
768      130E 1077       DAD B           I
769      130E 1078       CALL BANG       I
770      130E 1079       LXI H,0FFFFH    I
771      130E 107A       DAD B           I
772      130E 107B       RANG          I
773      130E 107C       LXI H,LENL      I
774      130E 107D       DAD B           I
775      130E 107E       CALL BANG       I
776      130E 107F       LXI H,0-LENL   I
777      130E 1080       DAD B           I
778      130E 1081       CALL RANG       I
779      130E 1082       RET            I
780      130E 1083       DIE: DCX H       I SET OBJECT DEAD
781      130E 1084       CALL KILL       I
782      130E 1085       RET            I
783      130E 1086       BANG: MOV A,M    I
784      130E 1087       CPI BLANK       I
785      130E 1088       CPI EMPTY       I
786      130E 1089       CPI BORDER     I
787      130E 108A       HZ             I
788      130E 108B       CPI BORDM      I
789      130E 108C       HZ             I
790      130E 108D       PUSH H          I
791      130E 108E       PUSH H          I
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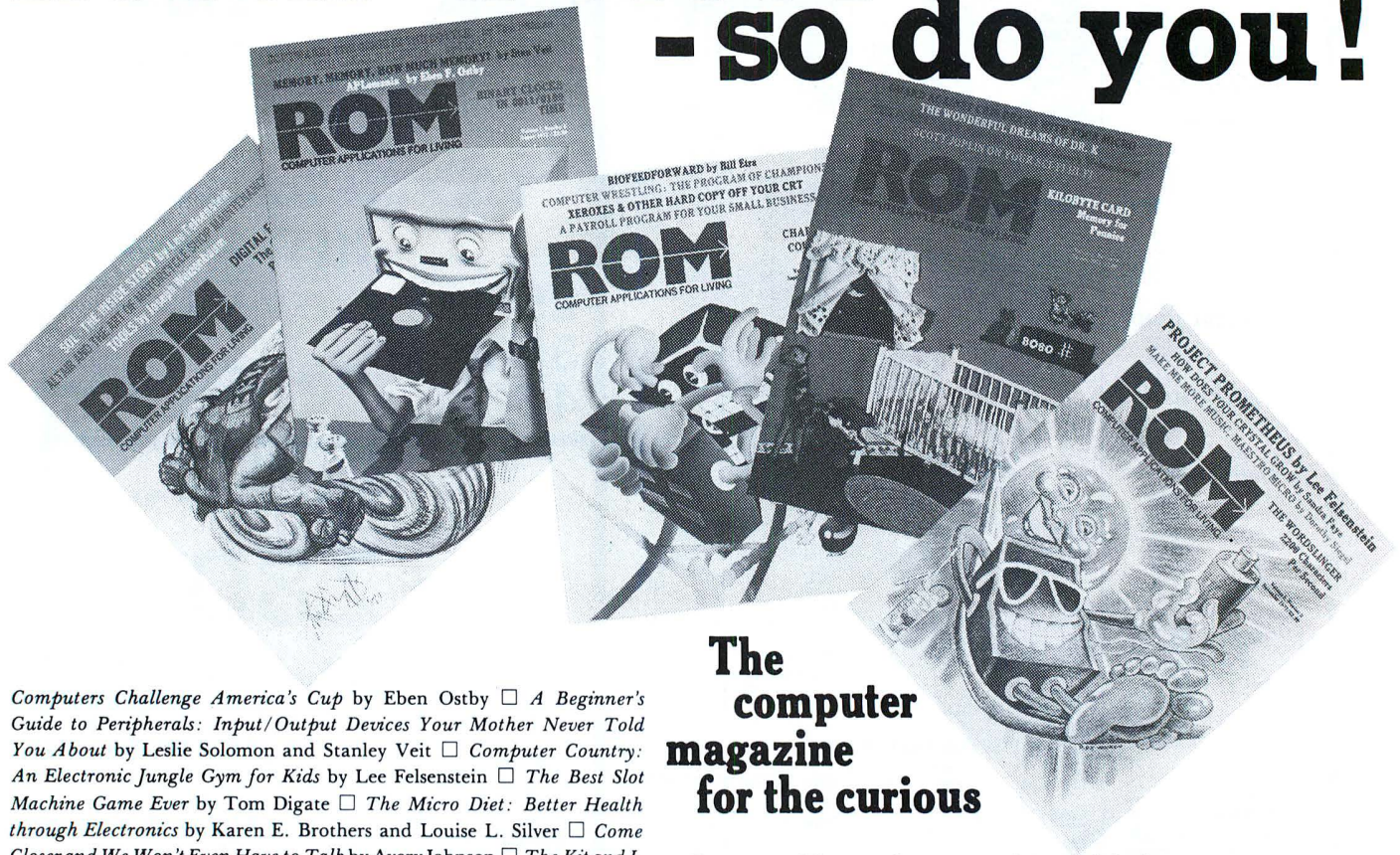
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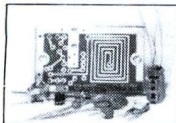
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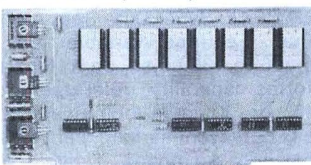
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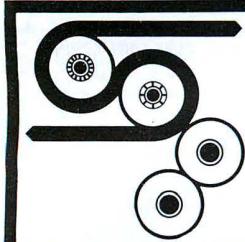
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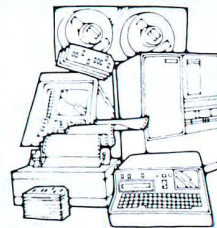
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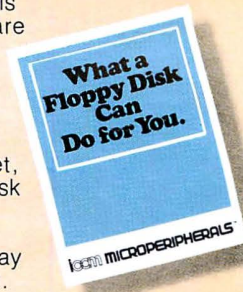
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John Montagna, computer engineer (above left), lead this successful network team in generating election results speedily, efficiently and reliably using predominantly TDL hardware and software. Montagna created three programs to get the job done. The text for a SWAPPER program was written and assembled using the TDL TEXT EDITOR and Z80 RELOCATING MACRO ASSEMBLER. The SWAPPER text and all debugging was run through TDL's ZAPPLE MONITOR. The relocatable object code was punched onto paper tape. A MAIN USERS program updated votes and controlled air display. An ALTERNATE USERS program got hard copy out and votes in. The latter two programs were written in BASIC. Montagna modified the ZAPPLE BASIC to permit time-sharing between the two USERS programs.

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John Montagna

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